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Current Events

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Rome

Professor G. L. Hendrickson of Yale University has been appointed Annual Professor in the American School for Classical Studies of the American Academy at Rome. Professor E. K. Rand of Harvard has been Annual Professor during the past year.

Pennsylvania

Hollidaysburg.—The Alumnae and students of Highland Hall held an open-air fête-day on June 9. A beautiful feature of the day was the unveiling of a stone in honor of the first graduating class (1869), the stone being inscribed with a translated passage from Vergil (i. 608):

While o'er the mountains' rounded sides the shadows float,
So long thy honor and thy name and praises shall abide.

In the evening on the campus the play, *Dido: The Phoenician Queen* was presented by students of the school. The effect of the time and setting was most beautiful. "The background of swaying trees in the quavering light and shade of sunset threw into fine relief the shifting, shimmering groups of girls, who, in robes of lavender and pink, rose and blue, green and glittering yellow, with floating iridescent scarfs, formed and reformed, danced and circled before the royal throne of Dido in its glowing Tyrian purple. One beautiful scene followed another—the dance of the priestess of Vesta before the garlanded altar, the Carthaginian maidens singing behind her; the stately entrance of Dido and her train; the airy dance of the rosy Loves about Cupid and Venus, which was especially charming; the delicate swaying of slender Iris, and at last the exquisite posing of Mercury as he led the shade of Dido to the realm of pale Persephone."

Illinois

Chicago.—A performance of Professor Miller's *Dido: The Phoenician Queen* was given by the Vergil Class of Lewis Institute under the direction of Mr. Herbert F. Hancox, June 12, 1913. At the banquet scene a classic dance was given and tableaux of the events of falling Troy were presented. At the same time the Latin Exhibit loaned by Miss Sabin was on display.

Iowa

The classical interests were well in evidence in Iowa during the past year. There were, as usual, five separate Latin Teachers' Round Tables held in the state at different times, one in connection with the State Teachers' Association, and one for each of the four State Section meetings, embracing about 25 counties each. These Round Tables were all well attended and full of interest, and through them a distinct impetus was given to the work.

Besides these there was the annual meeting of the Greek Teachers' Round Table and of the Iowa State Hellenic Society, both successful sessions.

A notable feature this year was the presentation of *Hippolytus* at the Iowa State University under the management of the departments of Greek and Public Speaking. The translation of Gilbert Murray was used. The costuming and scenic effects were fine and true, and the participation in the play of the best talent in the Public Speaking Department made the presentation a complete work of art.

Some interesting statistics have been compiled by Dr. W. A. Jessup, Head of the Department of Education, that show most encouragingly how Latin is holding in the high schools of Iowa. His tables show the number of teachers in the various subjects in the accredited high schools of the state as follows:

Subject	Number of Teachers
English, exclusively	212
Mathematics, exclusively	185
History, exclusively	126
Latin, exclusively	121
Science, exclusively	103
German, exclusively	68

COMBINATIONS

English, History	74
Latin, English	65
Latin, German	57
English, Mathematics	30
History, Mathematics	29
Latin, History	22
Science, Mathematics	15
Science, History	13

It will be seen from these tables that in only three other subjects exclusively taught are more teachers employed than in Latin. If we add to the number of teachers of subjects exclusively taught those who are teaching combined subjects we get the following results for the first four subjects named:

English	381
Latin	265
Mathematics	259
History	235

This means that with the exception of teachers of English more teachers are engaged in the accredited high schools of Iowa in the teaching of Latin than of any other subject.

Kansas

The Classical Association of Kansas and Western Missouri was held at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, April 25 and 26. This meeting is one of the most profitable and conspicuous of this region, and an exceptionally fine program was presented this year. The main speaker was Professor Walter Miller of the University of Missouri, who gave his lecture entitled "The City of the Violet Crown."

Minnesota

Encouraging indications of a constructive fight for the classics are seen in the announcements of Carleton College for the current year. There are evidently strong defenders of the faith in the faculty. Much interest has been aroused this year in the college by the rendering of Rossini's *Stabat Mater* and other Latin hymns and songs, and also the Victory Ode from the *Antigone*, set to Mendelssohn's music with the words of the original translated into Latin.

South Dakota

An exceedingly successful rendition of the *Mostelaria* of Plautus was given by the Senior class of Huron College last June. The translation followed was an excellent one by Mr. Leo A. Borah, of the class of 1913. The play was staged and the actors trained by Professor Frank H. Cowles, of the Latin Department of the College. The audience was large and appreciative.

Professor Cowles has been granted leave of absence next year to accept fellowship in Latin at Cornell University.