South Carolina

Columbia.—The first meeting of the Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South took place in Columbia, South Carolina on February 24–26. From every point of view it was a complete success. It was attended by college and high-school teachers from almost every state in the territory, from Virginia to Mississippi. One of the noteworthy features of the gathering was the interest it excited among the public generally, apart from the classical teachers. All the sessions were attended by laymen, and the public lectures scheduled for the evening sessions drew crowded houses.

The University of South Carolina was a most generous and hospitable host. Not only did it furnish meeting places, but it contributed cash to the expenses of the meeting and devoted space in its publications to publicity. The local committee of representatives from the various colleges of the city did excellent work in making provision for the entertainment and amusement of the visitors. The society was honored by receptions by President and Mrs. Currell, of the university, and by President and Mrs. Byrd, of the Chichora College for Women, and by a luncheon given by the city Chamber of Commerce.

The program of papers was as follows: “Address of Welcome,” by President W. S. Currell; “Response for the Association,” by Professor George Howe, of the University of North Carolina; “Roumania, Youngest Daughter of Rome,” by Professor C. U. Clark, former director of the American School at Rome; “Recent Inscriptional Literature,” by Professor G. A. Harrer, of the University of North Carolina; “Some Foreign Words Naturalized” (read by title), by Professor A. P. Hamilton, of Millsaps College, Virginia; “Latin by Correspondence for High Schools,” by Professor G. F. Nicolassen, of Oglethorpe University, Georgia; “Aristophanes the Modern” (read by title), by Professor C. W. Peppler, of Trinity College, North Carolina; “The Classics at the University of South Carolina,” by Major J. F. J. Caldwell, of Newberry, South Carolina; “The Latest Word from Italy and the Balkans,” by Professor C. U. Clark; “Some Notes on Juvenal’s Fifth Satire,” by Professor H. M. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, North Carolina; “Classical Authors in Their Use of Sources” (read by title), by Professor C. E. Boyd, of Emory University, Georgia; “The Classics as Scientific Study,” by Professor D. M. Key, of Millsaps College, Mississippi; “The Place of Greek in Our Schools,” by Professor A. M. McWhorter, of Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia; “General Literature and the Teacher of the Classics,” by Professor J. B. Game, of Florida College for Women; “The School of Hellas,” by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway; “Buried Cities of Asia Minor,” by Professor D. M. Robinson, of Johns Hopkins University; “Two Empires,” by Professor W. D. Hooper, of the University of Georgia; “The Revelation of Aeneas’s Mission,” by Professor George Howe, of the University of North Carolina; “High School Problems,” an open forum conducted by Professor J. B. Game, of the Florida College for Women.

To list papers and to speak appreciatively of splendid entertainment and genuine hospitality is to tell only a part of the tale; for the benefits derived from the meeting were much more far-reaching than those merely of a royal good time. The two most striking qualities of the session taken as a whole were the pronounced enthusiasm for the cause itself manifested both by the participants and by the general public, and the stimulus to scholarship and to the promotion of the classical tradition. In both these respects the undertaking
The paucity of general meetings in the South has deprived the cause of the classics heretofore of a very valuable form of publicity for which there is no substitute. So fine, on this occasion, was the response of the public that vistas were at once opened up of the possibilities of profitable propaganda by continuing the meetings as an annual event and by moving them year by year to different parts of the territory included. Thus will be supplied the needed inspiration which heretofore has been lacking because of the want of contact between fellow-workers or of a proper channel through which could flow the results of their efforts.

The following officers for the coming year were elected: president, Professor George Howe, of the University of North Carolina; vice-president, Miss Minnie Gee, of Converse College, South Carolina; secretary-treasurer, Professor E. L. Green, of the University of South Carolina; executive council, Professor A. M. McWhorter, of Hampden-Sydney College, Professor H. M. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, North Carolina, Professor Bothwell Graham, of Clinton, South Carolina, Professor W. D. Hooper, of the University of Georgia, Professor J. B. Game, of the Florida College of Women, Professor W. B. Saffold, of the University of Alabama, Professor D. M. Key, of Millsaps College, Mississippi, Professor E. L. Scott, of the University of Louisiana, Professor R. B. Steele, of Vanderbilt University, Tennessee.