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CHARLES EDWIN BENNETT

1858-1921

In the death of Professor Charles Edwin Bennett, which occurred suddenly on May 2, 1921, the cause of classical scholarship sustained a severe loss. Professor Bennett was a thorough scholar and a great teacher. He possessed to an unusual degree the rare ability to understand and solve the difficulties of the student mind at whatever stage of advancement. To this fact was due in part the stimulus of his class-room at the University, and the overwhelming success of his text-books throughout the United States. He was profound enough in knowledge to be simple in exposition, and he showed wise discrimination in the treatment of essentials and non-essentials.

His first published book was his Latin Grammar, issued in 1895, and better known today, perhaps, to students of Latin in preparatory schools than any other one book. In connection with the Grammar appeared the Appendix, revised and republished in 1907 as *The Latin Language*. His last publication was the second volume of the *Syntax of Early Latin*, which appeared in 1914. The reception of the two volumes of this work by classical scholars on either side of the Atlantic bore abundant testimony to its value in the field of classical investigation, and won for the author a secure place among the foremost scholars of his day. He had it in mind to complete this work at some time by a third volume on *The Particles*; that this purpose was not carried out must always be to scholars a cause for deep regret. In the years intervening between the publication of the Grammar and the Early Syntax, he published his entire series of text-books for preparatory schools, and kept them abreast of the times by constant revision; he edited the Odes and Epodes of Horace, the Dialogus of Tacitus, Xenophon's Hellenica and the De Amicitia and De Senectute. He also collaborated with Professor G. P. Bristol in writing *The Teaching of Latin and Greek in Secondary Schools*, and with Professor W. A. Hammond in translating the *Characters of Theophrastus*. He translated for the Loeb Classical Library the Odes and Epodes of Horace, and later the *Strategemata of Frontinus*, which has not yet appeared. He was likewise for many years a frequent contributor to the classical periodicals of the country.

As a scholar, as a teacher, as a friend of rare charm and stimulus, he will long be missed by those who knew and loved him.

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