

"DREAM-BOATS" AND THE CLASSIC DRAMA

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has a whiff of Old Comedy about it. We should note, however, that the figure has nothing in common with our own striking colloquialism "flat-boats," as applied to human feet!

Horrible as the "dream-boat" metaphor may be, things might, I suppose, be worse. We have not yet reached the point of calling one another "scows" or "barges." And perhaps the "dream-boats" will eventually and mercifully pass in the night!

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If you have a friend who is a teacher or a lover of the classics, why not give him a subscription to THE CLASSICAL OUTLOOK for Christmas? Can you think of any gift that would be a better bargain at one dollar? Send in your order at once, and we shall notify the recipient before Christmas, on a Latin Christmas card. Address the American Classical League, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

NOTES AND NOTICES

The eighty-first meeting of the American Philological Association will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., on December 28, 29, and 30, 1949, in connection with the fifty-first general meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America.

The Southern Section of the Classical Association of the Middle West and South met at Tallahassee, Florida, on November 24-26, 1949, upon invitation of the Florida State University. Classicists would be interested in

"Why 'Go On' with Latin?," by Warren E. Blake, in *School and Society* for May 7, 1949, Vol. 69, No. 1794, pp. 334-5.

Recent newspaper stories of the marriage of an uncle to his niece, in Providence, R. I., are reminiscent of the marriage of the Roman emperor Claudius to his brother's daughter, Agrippina the younger. The latter marriage was legalized by a special *senatusconsultum*.



TROY

BY HARRIET WEBSTER MARR
Springfield, Massachusetts

Troy—yellow mounds of earth,
shimmering in yellow light.

A ragged pine-tree crowning one
ragged steep ascent;

Between its roots, potsherds black-
ened by the fires of Homer's
Troy;

There below, the ringing plain of
windy Troy;

There, the dry course of famed
Scamander.

Far on the coast three small mounds,
tombs of Achilles, Ajax, and
Patroclus.

To the left, misty purple on the hor-
izon, Tenedos, where the Greek
ships stayed.

Behind, Mount Ida, a long range
that has watched the centuries
pass, nine cities rise and fall,
remain long buried, then by
Schliemann's faith be brought to
light.

"Sic transit gloria mundi!"

But hark! The sounding verse of
Homer rings in memory.

In the plain, shadowy chariots wheel
and turn.

Before our eyes move hosts arrayed
for battle.

From near the ancient Scaean Gate
we watch, as did the Trojan
dames.

LETTERS FROM
OUR READERS

A LATIN CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Professor Herbert N. Couch, of
Brown University, writes:

"I am enclosing a copy of our re-
cent Latin Christmas Carol Service,
which I thought might be of interest
to you. There was a good attendance
—some three or four hundred—and
everyone seemed to enjoy participat-
ing in the program."

The enclosed program is printed in
Latin. Persons participating are ad-
monished: "Cantibus lectionibusque
sacris non plaudendum est usque ad
finem; cantate omnes, si vobis placet,
cantus laetos Latine modo, non Ang-
lice, vehementissime." After a "Pae-
ludium" and an "Introitus," two carols
were sung—"Adeste, Fideles" and
"Somno Soluti." Then came the first
lesson, in Latin, from Isaiah xl, 1-5, ix,
2, and ix, 6-7. There followed a solo,
"O Mira Nox," and then two carols,
"Serena Nocte Media" and "Ecce
Chorus Angelorum." The second les-
son, read in Latin also, was from Ver-
gil's fourth eclogue. It was followed
by two carols, "O Viri, Este Hilares"
and "Puer Nobis Nascitur." The third
lesson, in Latin, was from Luke ii,
1-14. The chorus then sang the "Mag-
nificat," after which the whole group
sang "Quem Pastores Laudavere" and
"In Dulci Iubilo." The last lesson,
read in Greek, was from John i, 1-14.
Following two carols, "Orbem Terrae
Transvolate" and "Nox Silens," the
service concluded with an "Oratio."
The program gives credit to a "Mag-
ister Organi Pneumatici," a "Magister
Canentium," and a "Magister Equi-
tum," the latter being Professor
Couch. The program should prove
suggestive to other colleges and high
schools looking for a new idea for a
community service.

ENROLLMENT

Professor Mars M. Westington, of
Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana,
writes:

"Our present enrollment in the
Latin and Greek language courses has
reached a new 'high.' The related
courses, too, have a record registra-
tion. The number of classical majors
surpasses any figure of recent years."

FROM A RETIRED TEACHER

Miss Edith M. Jackson, a retired
teacher of Latin, of West Chester,