

Herbert Charles Elmer

Professor of Latin

1860 — Sept. 24, 1935

Announcement was made of the death, on September 24, 1935 of Herbert Charles Elmer, Professor Emeritus since 1928.

Source: Records p. 1894, October 9, 1935

RETIREMENT STATEMENT

Professor Herbert Charles Elmer retired from active teaching at the close of the academic year 1927-28, and has been appointed by the Trustees of the University Professor Emeritus.

Professor Elmer was born in Rushford, New York, in the year 1860, held a state scholarship in Cornell University during the years 1879-83, and, after a career of distinction as an undergraduate, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1883. He immediately proceeded to The Johns Hopkins University for further study of the Classics during the two periods of 1883- 85 and 1886-88, with an interval of study abroad, in Germany and Italy, in the academic year of 1885-86. On receiving the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Johns Hopkins in 1888, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Latin in Cornell University. In 1909 he was appointed Professor of Latin. Apart from two other periods of study abroad, in 1895-96 and in 1909-10, he has for forty years been continuously active at Cornell University as a teacher and scholar of the best gifts, the most distinguished training, and the highest attainment.

Professor Elmer early made himself known throughout the scholarly world as an authority on Latin syntax, and has an enviable reputation besides as an editor of Terence and Plautus. His learning has made him vital in helping others to learn. As an effective, exact, patient, sympathetic teacher, he has endeared himself to generations of classical students in our College of Arts and Sciences. He has been a good and wise friend to his colleagues and to his University. Nor will his helpful influence cease. Many of his pupils are now teaching throughout the country. His latest achievement, a Latin Grammar, the fruit of great knowledge and long experience, has been perfected and issued in his first year of release from academic duties. It is a model book; its expert method, lucid expression, and simplicity of arrangement, with no lowering, but rather an elevation, of standards, will do much to promote the study of Latin and humanity in America.

The Faculty and Trustees herewith express for Professor Elmer their high esteem, their affectionate regard; their regret at his retirement in the fullness of his power from active teaching; their gratification that he will continue

amongst us, a sympathetic member of our academic community; their confident hope that in his well-earned leisure he will keep adding to those tasteful and scholarly productions which have shed lustre upon himself and upon Cornell University.

Source: Fac. Rec. p. 1564 Resolutions of the Trustees and Faculty of Cornell University, January, Nineteen Hundred And Twenty-Nine