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“The κύκλος Klan and the Dark-side of Classics”

1. Alexander Crummell. “The Attitude of the American Mind Toward the Negro Intellect”. 1898

“Just think of the crude asininity of even a great man! Mr. Calhoun went to "Yale" to study the Greek Syntax, and graduated there. His son went to Yale to study the Greek Syntax, and graduated there. His grandson, in recent years, went to Yale, to learn the Greek Syntax, and graduated there. Schools and Colleges were necessary for the Calhouns, and all other white men to learn the Greek syntax. And yet this great man knew that there was not a school, nor a college in which a black boy could learn his A. B. C's. He knew that the law in all the Southern States forbade Negro instruction under the severest penalties. How then was the Negro to learn the Greek syntax? How then was he to evidence to Mr. Calhoun his human nature? Why is it manifest that Mr. Calhoun expected the Greek syntax to grow in *Negro brains*, by spontaneous generation!” (9)

2. Latin phrases in the original “Prescript of the \* \* \* ”

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| 1 | damnat quod non intelligunt (cf. Quint. *Inst.* 10.1.26) |  |  |
| 2 | amici humani generis | magna est veritas, et proevalebit |  |
| 3 | nec scire fas est omnia | ne vile fano |  |
| 4 | ars est celare artem | nusquam tuta fides |  |
| 5 | quid faciendum?  | fide non armis |  |
| 6 | fiat justitia | hic manent vestigia morientis libertatis |  |
| 7 | curae leves loquntur, ingentes stupent | dat deus his quoque finem |  |
| 8 | cessante causa, cessat effectus | *droit et avant* |  |
| 9 | cave quid dicis, quando, et cui | dormitur aliquando jus, moritur nunquam |  |
| 10 | deo adjuvante, non timendum | spectemur agendo |  |
| 11 | nemo nos impune lacessit | patria cara, carior libertas |  |
| 12 | ad unum omnes | deo duce, ferro comitante |  |
| 13 | tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis  | O tempora! O mores (Cicero, *In Cat.* 1.2) | quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus |
| 14 | ad utrumque paratus (cf. Virgil *Aen.* 2.61) | cavendo tutus |  |
| 15 | astra castra, numen lumen | ne quid detrimenti respublica capiat |  |
| 16 | amici usque ad aras | nos ducit amor libertatis |  |

3. Latin phrases retained in the revised version of the “Prescript of the \* \* \* ” (changes in Latin phraseology from above **bolded**)

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| 1 |  | damnant quod non intelligunt |
| 2 |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |
| 4 | nec scire fas est omnia |  |
| 5 | amici humani generis |  |
| 6 | **quemcunque miserum videris, hominem scias** |  |
| 7 | maga est veritas, et prevalebit |  |
| 8 | **ne tentes aut perfice** |  |
| 9 | quid faicendum? |  |
| 10 | fiat justitia **ruat coelum** |  |
| 11 | dormitus aliquando jus, moritus nunquam |  |
| 12 | **quieta non movere** |  |
| 13 | **quid verum atque decens** |  |
| 14 | art [sic] est celare artem |  |
| 15 | nusquam tuta fides |  |
| 16 | fide non armis |  |
| 17 | dat Deus his quoque finem |  |
| 18 | cessante causa, cessat effectus |  |
| 19 | cave quid dicis, quando, et cui |  |
| 20 | **nemo tenetur seipsum accusare** |  |
| 21 | deo adjuvante, non timendum |  |
| 22 | **spectemus** agendo |  |
| 23 | nemo nos impune lacissit |  |
| 24 | ad unum omnes | **resurgamus** |

4. “The Liberator” Vol. XI, No. 49 (December 3, 1941)

 

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