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Celtic Studies at Harvard

Of great significance to every person interested in the Celtic languages and literatures are several recent developments at Harvard University. These highly promising events are described in the following paragraphs from THE HARVARD GRADUATE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER of May 17, 1965:

Instruction in Celtic languages and literatures has been offered continuously at Harvard since 1897. No graduate student, however, seems to have taken a degree specifically in Celtic until last year. Are graduate students becoming more venturesome? The present chairman of the department, Professor Charles W. Dunn, returns a cautious answer.

The founder of Celtic studies at Harvard, Professor Emeritus Fred Norris Robinson, was a full-time member of the English Department, and his students tended to take their degrees either in English or in Comparative Philology or other related fields. A separate Celtic Department was not formed until he retired in 1939. Student interest has remained strong under the successive Celtic specialists, Professors