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Beneath all the details which we have been considering is this great fact of Caesar's reorganization of the census. Without altogether abolishing the censor, he put the work at Rome mainly in the hands of other officials; he modernized the procedure; he brought in a yearly registration, merging the old census in this new arrangement; he introduced the citizen population census (taken in Egypt at fourteen year intervals); he changed the census in the Italian municipalities to a yearly basis. Caesar's genius was that of the administrator, and it is in accord with this character that we find him here (in quite modern fashion) laying the indispensable foundation of all efficient administration.

If my view is correct, three parts of the Tablet (vv. 1-19, vv. 20-50, vv. 142-156, aggregating 63 out of the 163 verses) are linked together through the *professiones*, and must have belonged to the same piece of legislation. But with the third part relating to the Italian census belongs also (as Mr. Hardy himself holds¹) the long section (vv. 83-142) on disqualifications for the local senates, to which Cicero refers in the letter to Lepta.² In this case there is overwhelming evidence for the unity of the text. The whole is a single statute. As such it is not so difficult to understand why it should be set up outside of Rome. It was not only that many of its provisions were binding on the outside communities, and that others would serve as a guide for local legislation on similar topics, but that being a single whole it would be less likely to be copied in parts. We are also in a position to assign the entire act to October 46 B.C., and to ascribe it without question to Caesar.

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¹ *Ibid.* p. 90.

² *Fam.* vi. 18, 1.

NOTE ON EURIPIDES.

Hekabe 1172 sqq.

ἐκ δὲ πηδήσας ἐγὼ
θῆρ ὥς διώκω τὰς μαιφόνους κύνας,
ἅπαντ' ἐρευνῶν τοῖχον ὥς κυνηγέτης
βάλλων ἀράσσω.

I would read and punctuate:

ἅπαντ' ἐρευνῶν, στοῖχον ὥς κυνηγέτης,
βάλλων ἀράσσω.

στοῖχος is the row of hunting-poles supporting the huntsman's nets.
Cf. Xen. *Cyn.* VI. 10 and 21.

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