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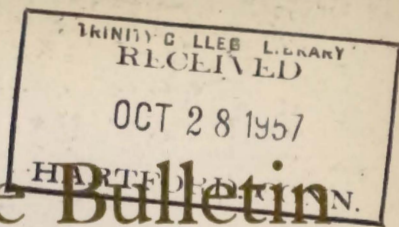
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Report of the President

*To the
Trustees of Trinity College*

As President of Trinity College, I have the honor to submit to you herewith a report of the 134th academic year. It covers the fourth complete year of the stewardship which you have entrusted to my care.

During 1956-1957 the College, I am happy to report, continued to go forward.

In reporting to you a year ago, I outlined the major problems facing the College and suggested the steps necessary for their sound and effective solution. I mentioned: (1) the rapidly increasing number of students seeking admission to college; (2) our ability to attract and to retain on our faculty outstanding teachers and scholars; (3) the need for a complete inventory of our whole academic program; (4) finances and increasing costs; (5) an able and competent administrative staff; and (6) certain essential additions to our physical plant.

During the past year while the College has been actively engaged in carrying forward its Program of Progress, significant steps have been taken to solve many of the above mentioned problems. Much, however, still remains to be done. I wish to report on the progress to date and what is still ahead.

THE RISING TIDE OF STUDENTS

In my Report of a year ago I discussed in some detail and with particular reference to Trinity the serious problem of numbers that soon will face colleges and universities. I reiterated my view shared by many that "Trinity will render the most effective service by remaining at approximately its present size and by strengthening the fundamental training in the liberal arts which we seek to provide."

The increase in the number of students desirous of going to college has come about much sooner than expected. Beginning in the early 1940's the birth rate, as you know, rose very rapidly. It was anticipated, therefore, that in 1960 and thereafter the college population would grow with great rapidity. But the increase has already started. In the autumn of 1956 2,957,227 students were enrolled in institutions of higher learning, as compared with 2,720,929 in 1955, and 2,076,095 in 1946. The remarkable fact is that the present increase is not at all due to the rise in the birth rate. Instead, students now in college come from the low birth rate period of the late 1930's; from high school classes with smaller numbers than a year ago.

What then has caused this astounding phenomenon? Why has higher education come to possess this increasing attractiveness? Several factors provide the answer. The present era of economic prosperity has made it possible for more persons to go to college than ever before. I mention, also, the impact of educating G.I.'s as the aftermath of World War II and of the fighting in Korea. Entire families have been exposed to college education—persons who previously had never dreamed thereof. The economic factors also cannot be overlooked even though training in the liberal arts college is oriented for life itself rather than for a specific vocation. The college graduate today finds himself in much the same situation in which the high school alumnus used to be. His diploma may not by itself get him a job but the lack of one may well be a burdensome deterrent. I mention that the average salary for the 1957 Trinity graduate with a bachelor of arts degree was \$4,745, with a bachelor of science degree \$5,361.

The simple fact is that the tremendous problem of mushrooming college population already confronts us. And the impact of the increased birthrate has not yet hit institutions of higher learning.

I have in previous reports expressed my views as to why Trinity should not in the immediate future expand further our undergraduate enrollment. The College, we must not forget, has already grown considerably. Prior to World War II, the largest number of undergraduate students was 556, at the opening of the Christmas Term in 1940-1941. At the beginning of 1956-1957, the figure was 986, an increase of 78.8 per cent. In a decade the growth has been 22.7 per cent, 802 undergraduates having been enrolled at the opening of the 1946-1947 academic year. I wish further to point out that a year ago the College increased by 8.9 per cent over 1955-1956 the number of undergraduates.

To add further to our student body at this time would make it extremely difficult to provide the personal type of education to which we are dedicated, in small classes and with a favorable teacher-student ratio. And the great advantages, many of them intangible, of a small college would be gone.

There are, however, very practical reasons why additional expansion in the near-future seems ill-advised. As I have already indicated, the College has in recent years grown considerably. Not only must this expansion be consolidated but standards of quality and excellence must be maintained. Education of this type which we seek to provide is

expensive. It must fully justify the charges made for it. The College currently is endeavoring to reach by June 30, 1958, the goal of \$4,570,000 which we have set for our Program of Progress. As of June 30, 1957, 31.2 per cent remains to put the campaign over the top. It must not be forgotten that the funds we are currently seeking in our capital gifts campaign are but a start on meeting the needs of the College in the years ahead, and for a student body of our present size.

The on-coming increase in the number of applications will place a heavy responsibility on the College and particularly on its Office of Admissions. This will be especially true if Trinity is not, in the near future, to add to its undergraduate body.

The anticipated deluge of applications may well change the character of the student body. Without question the academic record and the proven record of the candidates will improve. The College, however, must never lose sight of worthy personal qualifications in selecting its student body, qualifications that are essential if the full benefits of a Trinity education are to be forthcoming. Admissions must never become an impersonal matter, based merely on mathematical formulae. Trinity will admit only the most able young men—not only able in their studies but outstanding in character and interested in doing more than just what is required to get by. The time is coming when we can take less and less chance on “the calculated risk” because there will be more and more well qualified boys knocking at our doors. It is not a favor to a boy, his family or to the College to admit him if he cannot meet Trinity’s academic standards.

Probably one of the most difficult problems we face and where we will need the utmost understanding on the part of alumni, parents and friends concerns the ever increasing applicants capable of handling our academic work satisfactorily, but who because of numbers and because of keener competition will not gain one of the limited places which will have to be reserved for more deserving candidates.

Recommendations made by alumni, parents and friends will be given the most careful consideration. The College, as it has in the past, will continue to the best of its ability to handle such applications on a personal basis. This, however, will be more and more difficult as numbers increase.

In meeting the problems ahead alumni, parents and friends are in a position to be of the greatest help. A splendid start has been made by the Alumni Interviewing Committee under the effective leadership of Mr. George C. Capen, '10, and by the Parents Committee on Admissions. But alumni, parents and friends will have to understand fully the problems of the College resulting from numbers and be most careful and selective in their recommendations. They will have to be relied on more and more. During the past year the alumni interviewing program has strengthened greatly the work of our Admissions Office. Alumni were in touch with some 400 candidates. They will, I am confident, be even more active in the years ahead. Alumni, parents and friends are in a position to play a positive role in the make-up of our future applicants.

With greater progress in the alumni interviewing program, alumni also are in a position to play a prominent part in reducing the overall attrition. Interviewers serve two purposes: (1) that of interesting promising boys in the College and of following them through the admissions procedure; and (2) that of interviewing candidates who have applied. The more active the alumni become in their first purpose, the more stable the applicants will be, especially if promising boys can be spotted early enough in their secondary school career. Accepted candidates whose interest was firm from the beginning and whose interest remains throughout the whole admission process, tend to stand by their acceptance more than the boys who shop around and toss in extra applications.

In meeting effectively the problem of numbers, adequate scholarship funds are of the utmost importance. They are necessary to make sure that Trinity does not become a one-class college. This is so because our tuition, while not high in comparison with that at similar institutions—it pays barely one-half of what it costs the College to educate a student—is, due to our standards of quality and excellence, beyond the reach of many. Trinity has room only for the most able young men—able in their studies, outstanding in character and interested in doing more than just what is required to get by. In the years ahead Trinity will be able to fill each class many times with such young men who would need very little or no financial assistance. Yet the College by doing so would lose the enriching and broadening influence of equally fine young men who require scholarship help. Trinity no longer would be educating many who have contributed so richly to its life and to the life of our country and who have held scholarships. We must continue to seek out such fine young men and bring them to Trinity. But the competition for them will be keen.

The College is not at the present time awarding either an adequate number of scholarships nor is their amount sufficient. For the Class of 1961 our applicants needed greater amounts of scholarship aid, and, consequently we were unable to offer so many awards as a year ago. As a result, we have lost some top boys we would like to have had. During 1956-1957 \$117,025 was awarded in scholarships, of which \$46,875 was from Scholarships for Illinois Residents, Inc.

THE FACULTY

In my report of a year ago, I pointed out that our ability to attract and to retain on our faculty outstanding teachers and scholars remained one of the most important problems facing the College. Since June 2, 1824, when our first President, the Right Reverend Thomas C. Brownell, vowed that the College would "seek the ablest professors," Trinity has been dedicated to this major objective.

In our current Program of Progress one of our top priorities is an adequately paid faculty. And when I say "adequately paid," I do not mean "equal to the average," for Trinity salaries are quite a bit above

that. I mean salaries high enough to enable us to attract and to retain an outstanding faculty, the best teachers and scholars in the country, including those at the largest universities. We can do this if we have the vision and the faith.

In our current campaign \$1,000,000 was sought for faculty salaries. To date, some \$1,500,000 has been received, including the splendid gift of \$636,000 from the Ford Foundation (of this \$243,500 was a merit award in recognition of what the College already had done for faculty salaries). The faculty for the coming year have again received a material salary increase.

One of the most important problems facing the faculty is to deal effectively with the attitude of the student body in regard to the academic program. It is important that the student look on his years at Trinity as more than just a means to an end, to the obtaining of a diploma, which is a necessity if he is to get an effective job at the currently fantastic salaries. This I cannot emphasize too strongly. The sole objective of a diploma is far too common today. A student should face his years at Trinity with a full awareness and an enthusiastic understanding of what they can do for him. He should recognize the fundamental values he can gain from a sound education in the liberal arts; values that will endure long after he will have forgotten the specific knowledge he acquired at college. Never again—no matter what his future career—will he have such a rich opportunity to learn his language and literature; his culture and that of other peoples; history, philosophy and economics; science and about the world in which he lives. These are the tools which will lay the firm foundation for his future service to God, country and community; that will make him a constructive and a useful citizen. In this the faculty have an unequalled opportunity.

Along the same line, I wish to mention my concern with the all-college average, which for 1956-1957 was 75.1. It shows a lack of adequate motivation. It should on the basis of our students' potential be much higher. In this connection may I add that the use of a numerical instead of a letter marking system does not help in this regard, and in some instances places our students in an unfavorable light in competition with others. I am concerned also with the number of students placed on probation and required to withdraw from the College for academic reasons. In this all-important area there is much that the faculty can do.

Effective with the academic year 1957-1958, the faculty changed the rule in regard to academic probation. Henceforth any student who has not received at the end of a term passing grades in *four* courses with marks of at least 70 in two of them will be placed on academic probation for the following term. At the present time a student passing in four courses regardless of his grades remains in good academic standing. Under the new rule a student as a minimum must have two 60's and two 70's to avoid probation. The change is not an attempt to place more students on probation nor to start them on their way out of

college. Rather it seeks to stimulate in the students a desire to attain in part the minimum graduation standards at the end of each semester and thus to avoid serious consequences in their senior year. For graduation a student must have passed 20 courses; at least 14, or 70 per cent, with 70 or better, and the rest with at least 60. Thus, a minimum satisfaction of the new rule will still fail to meet our graduation requirements by six 70's.

It has been and continues to be the policy of the College to treat our students as adults, as persons of maturity, and to continue to do so until they give evidence that they do not merit this trust. Beyond all else we seek to develop self-reliance and responsibility; an ability to handle one's affairs effectively, to assume the duties which life in our great Republic imposes.

Because of this objective of the College, the faculty in April voted to abolish the so-called "cut system" and to make attendance at classes the responsibility of each student. The Chapel attendance and the Physical Education requirements are not changed by the recent faculty ruling nor does it apply to the incoming freshman class, and at the end of the coming academic year its results will be reviewed with the greatest of care. It is the belief of the faculty that the new rule will have salutary effects. In the first place, it will place the responsibility for class attendance where it belongs, squarely on the shoulders of the individual student. Every step of course will be taken to see that the privilege is not abused. Members of the faculty are expected to notify the Dean's Office if a student misses three successive classes or in the case of serious over-cutting. This system, again, will give the student a further opportunity to make his own decisions, and, yes, his own mistakes—an essential part of growing up. Most of our students will take this in stride and will profit by it. Some will get into trouble, but they would under any system. Again, the unlimited "cut" system will put the faculty to a test. An instructor will have to make his class so worthwhile, so interesting, so dynamic that the students will feel that they cannot afford to miss even a single session.

It is hoped that the faculty will during 1957-1958 give top priority to an effective solution of the problem still unsolved which I mentioned in my report of a year ago. This problem deals with the academic programs of the junior and senior years. They are, I believe, far too similar to those of the freshman and sophomore year. It is my sincere hope that this matter will be carefully considered and an academic program devised for the junior and senior years that will give the student the greatest opportunity for individual development, as well as provide increased motivation.

We have not, to my deep regret, been able to go forward during the past academic year with a complete inventory of our academic program, re-examining our entire curriculum and the goals of the College to see whether we are providing the finest possible education in the liberal arts. To date this has been impossible because of other pressures. It must, however, go forward in the very near future.

COLLEGE FINANCES AND THE PROGRAM OF PROGRESS

During the fiscal year 1956-1957 the College again lived within its income, as has been the case since the end of World War II, and as we will to the best of our ability continue to do. We had an excess of income and reserves over expenditures and appropriations amounting to the modest figure of \$1,893.91. This result again was due: (1) to economical and businesslike management; (2) to the sound policies of our Investment Committee; and (3) to the benefits of our Program of Progress.

At the meeting of the Corporation in November after the most careful consideration a significant step was taken in regard to college finances. It was decided that Trinity, in order to continue to give our students the finest education, must take a more realistic view concerning tuition so that it will pay a higher percentage of what it costs the College to educate a student. As a result, effective with the Christmas Term 1957-1958, tuition will be increased from \$700 to \$800 and the General Fee from \$75 to \$100. Furthermore, beginning with 1957-1958, the General Fee will include the Graduation Fee with which the members of the Senior Class have previously been charged. The increase in tuition will be utilized to make it possible for the College to attract and to retain outstanding members of the faculty as well as to strengthen in an era of expanding costs the facilities essential for a program of academic excellence.

College budgets are always troublesome matters, and ours for 1957-1958 is no exception. We have in this budget again taken several con-



Three gifts to the Program of Progress have established special Faculty Funds: Professor Lawrence W. Towle (left) has been named the G. Fox and Company Professor of Economics; Assistant Professor John E. Candelet, the George M. Ferris Lecturer in Corporation Finance and Investments; and Assistant Professor Michael R. Campo, the Cesare Barbieri Lecturer in Italian Studies.

structive steps: (1) material increases in salary, made possible by the Program of Progress as well as the gift from the Ford Foundation for the benefit of the Faculty, and the increase in tuition, have been given to the faculty and staff; and (2) in the interests of our students several additions have been made to the teaching staff.

During the year the College continued to be engaged actively in our Program of Progress, designed to build a stronger and a finer Trinity.

The financial goals of the Program of Progress, \$3,335,000 by June 30, 1957, and \$4,570,000 by June 30, 1958; the individual projects; as well as the campaign organization were set forth in detail in my report of a year ago.

On behalf of the College I wish to pay signal tribute to Mr. Robert S. Morris, '16, who as National Chairman has done an outstanding job; to Mr. Barclay Shaw, '35, the very able chairman of leadership and special gifts; to Mr. George C. Capen, '10, who with great effectiveness has been in charge of Alumni General Gifts; to Mr. Martin W. Clement, '01, who as Honorary Chairman has been a tower of strength; and to countless others too many to mention individually who have with such splendid understanding aided in furthering the Campaign. The greatest of credit also must go to our Development Office, so splendidly headed by Mr. Albert E. Holland, '34, Vice President in Charge of Development; and so ably staffed by Mr. Robert W. Bacon, '51, Assistant Director of Development, and the others in the Office. I wish further to express our deep gratitude to Mr. Melvin D. Brewer of the well-known firm of Marts and Lundy, Inc., who served so effectively in the planning of our Program of Progress. Mr. Brewer continued his valuable service until December 31, 1956.

The College is lastingly grateful to all who have expressed their faith in Trinity and in higher education by supporting our Program of Progress. I express our sincere gratitude to all these benefactors, too many to name individually, who are listed in the Report of the Treasurer of Trinity College.

As of June 30, 1956, the College had received from the Program of Progress \$1,778,015, including the splendid gift from the Ford Foundation of \$532,600. During 1956-1957 Trinity received \$1,378,135, including an additional gift of \$103,400 from the Ford Foundation. Exclusive of the generous support from the Ford Foundation, the College received \$1,274,735 in 1956-1957, as compared with \$1,245,415 in 1955-1956, \$558,643 in 1954-1955, and \$257,000 in 1953-1954.

As of June 30, 1957, the Program of Progress stood at \$3,154,826 or 94.2 per cent of the goal set for that date, and 68.8 per cent of the one established for June 30, 1958. This record, we feel, is most encouraging for the ultimate attainment of our goal at the end of the coming year.

I wish at this time to report on the sources of our gifts as of June 30, 1957, to our Program of Progress, doing so as to contributions from the Greater Hartford Area and outside of Hartford. In each group I will break down the results as to non-alumni and alumni.

In Greater Hartford the following non-alumni gifts have been re-

ceived: 6 foundations \$83,000; 151 businesses \$638,841; 179 parents \$13,340; 718 friends \$337,608; and 5 non-alumni Trustees \$112,074 for a total of \$1,184,863 from 1,059 individuals or groups. The alumni contributions from Hartford were: 9 Alumni Trustees \$46,088 and 873 other alumni \$166,810 for a total of \$212,898 from 882 Hartford alumni. Thus, as of June 30, 1957, Hartford had supported the Program of Progress to the extent of \$1,397,761.

Outside of Hartford non-alumni have given as follows: 14 foundations \$877,950; 18 businesses \$61,700; 215 parents \$129,603 (1 non-alumni Trustee's gift of \$10,000 has been included in the Parent's total); 66 friends \$84,831; and two non-alumni Trustees \$70,500, for a total of \$1,214,584 from 314 individuals or groups. Alumni outside of Hartford gave as follows: 13 alumni who are Trustees \$275,647, and 1,059 other alumni \$266,834, for a total of \$542,481 from 1,072 alumni. The gifts from outside of Hartford thus amount to \$1,757,065.

The totals for the several groups are: 20 foundations \$960,950; 169 businesses \$700,541; 394 parents \$142,943; 784 friends \$422,439; 28 Trustees \$494,305 (6 non-alumni Trustees \$172,674, and 22 Trustees who are alumni contributed \$321,731 of this total); 1954 alumni \$755,309.

It was my privilege during the year to attend Kick-Off dinners for our Program of Progress in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Garden City, Greenwich, Minneapolis and St. Paul, New Britain, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Springfield, Washington and Waterbury. Dean Arthur H. Hughes represented the College at similar dinners in Buffalo, New London, Pittsfield and Providence; Mr. Albert E. Holland in Cincinnati; and Mr. Robert W. Bacon in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The moving picture in color, "Neath The Elms," which tells the story of Trinity and of the education which the College provides as well as the goals of our Program of Progress was shown at these dinners and was enthusiastically received.

The marked success of the Program of Progress in Hartford has been most gratifying. At the time of our 125th Anniversary Campaign in 1947-1948 the Greater Hartford Community contributed some \$270,000 to the College. For the Program of Progress a goal of \$1,000,000 was voluntarily accepted. As of June 30, 1957, the Greater Hartford Community had given \$1,379,761, or 138 per cent of the goal, and some 45 per cent of the total raised to date. The jump from \$270,000 to \$1,379,761 in the span of less than ten years is truly remarkable. It represents far more than just a changed attitude in regard to giving to higher education. In these ten years Trinity has finally become a vital part of the Hartford community. The increasing role of the students, faculty and the administration in the affairs of Greater Hartford has helped materially to create this atmosphere of interest in the College on the part of the community. Many leading citizens without any or with other college affiliations have with dedicated enthusiasm joined in this tremendous effort. I mention, among many non-alumni Mr. Charles W. Deeds, Mr. Ostrom Enders, Mr. Peter M. Fraser, Mr. Charles E.

Brainard, Mr. Crampton Trainer, Mr. Alexander A. MacKimmie, Jr., Mr. Charles P. Stewart, and Mr. William M. Savitt. Among our many alumni responsible for this remarkable achievement I pay tribute to Mr. Melvin W. Title, '18, Mr. Charles T. Kingston, Jr., '34, and to Mr. Herbert E. Bland, '40.

To date our alumni have contributed \$755,379 to the Program of Progress. This is some fifty per cent higher than the alumni gifts to the 125th Anniversary Campaign in 1947-1948. The increase, however, is due almost entirely to the splendid support from alumni who are Trustees of the College. Of the \$755,379 received as of June 30, 1957, from 1,954 alumni, \$321,731 has been forthcoming from 22 persons who are or have been Trustees of the College. Excluding the alumni who are Trustees, 1,932 alumni have given \$433,648, or \$22.45 a gift. On the whole, the total to date from the alumni is not so large as had been expected. It is hoped that by June 30, 1958, the goal of \$1,000,000 from alumni will have been reached.

No College Capital Gifts Campaign can possibly be successful without trustee leadership. This leadership the Trustees have provided with their most generous contributions. As of June 30, 1957, the Trustees of the College have given \$494,309, or 98.9 per cent of the \$500,000 hoped for from them. Gifts during 1957-1958 will, I am confident, bring this total well above our expectations.

The Program of Progress will go forward until July 1, 1958. To put the campaign over the top, \$1,415,174 will have to be raised by that date. I have complete confidence that we will do so. But it will require the best efforts of the College, of every Trustee, alumnus, parent and friend. Much has been accomplished, particularly in Hartford. But a great deal remains to be done. We will reach our goal if a sufficient number of active workers see a sufficient number of persons.

During 1957-1958 special attention will have to be paid to leadership and to special gifts. Most of the remaining support will have to come from these sources. Not only will outstanding contacts have to be completed, but new ones will have to be made.

We must in the year ahead concentrate our efforts on the following projects: (1) the procurement of the remaining resources necessary to get the Student Center under way at the earliest possible moment, a matter of the most vital importance for the welfare of our students over a half of whom do not belong to fraternities and have no effective place for social activities; (2) the obtaining of the \$500,000 required for additional scholarships (so far \$200,000 has been raised); (3) the \$1,000,000 necessary to build the Science Unit for the Departments of Mathematics and Physics; (4) the remainder of the \$200,000 sought to increase the facilities of our splendid library (so far \$60,000 has been raised).

The Trinity College Parents Association generously assumed the goal of \$250,000 toward the Student Center. As of June 30, 1957, under the splendid leadership of Mr. Samuel F. Ninness, \$142,943, or 57.2 per cent of the goal had been realized. We are confident that the total will be reached by July 1, 1958. It is impossible to list all the parents who

have been active in our Program of Progress. To them all the College is lastingly grateful.

So much for the Program of Progress, and for our 1957-1958 plans.

The Alumni Committee on Endowment under the exceptional leadership of Mr. Sydney D. Pinney, '18, reports that since January of 1957 over twenty additional alumni have signified their intention of including the College in their estate planning. Since the formation of this committee, some two years ago, over seventy-five alumni have included Trinity in their wills for an estimated total exceeding \$1,000,000. This Committee is doing an outstanding service for the College. I wish specially to mention the work of Mr. Lewis G. Harriman, '09, whose class leads in the number of estate programs in which the College is mentioned.

The Classes of 1956 and 1957 were not included in the Program of Progress because it was believed that they should be helped to develop their programs of annual giving. One hundred and thirteen members of the Class of 1955, with Mr. David A. Roberts as Class Agent and Mr. William T. O'Hara and Mr. Robert L. Sind as Associate Class Agents, contributed \$812, or some 106% of its quota. One hundred and twenty-two members of the Class of 1956 with Mr. Bertram B. Schader as Class Agent and Mr. Richard G. Abbott and Mr. Robert D. Davis as Associate Class Agents gave \$502, or 103% of the class quota.

In addition to our plans for the Program of Progress, the following steps will be taken during 1957-1958:

(1) The Alumni Fund will be revived with 2,750 alumni, mostly from the classes of 1947 on, to be solicited. In addition, 775 alumni who are still paying on their capital campaign pledges will be encouraged once again to think of annual giving.

(2) The Parents Fund will be resumed for the parents of freshmen and for those parents whose pledges to the Program of Progress have been paid.

(3) The Associates Program again will be in full swing.

(4) The bequest program will be continued with 270 alumni in the classes up through 1932 listed for letters from and talks with their class representatives.

PHYSICAL FACILITIES

In my report of a year ago I mentioned certain essential physical requirements of the College: (1) the completion of the alterations in Williams Memorial so essential for adequate office space; (2) a modest but useful Student Center; (3) a new Science Unit for the Departments of Mathematics and Physics; and (4) the overcrowding in our dormitories due to the unexpected increase in undergraduate enrollment.

Considerable progress, I am happy to report, has taken place during the year in regard to these several items.

The remodeling of Williams Memorial was started in 1953. \$100,000 is included as one of the goals of our Program of Progress to complete this project, so necessary for adequate office space. \$50,000 was generously given by the Hartford Foundation For Public Giving for this

undertaking. The cost, however, has far exceeded our original estimates. But we could not longer delay going forward. Since mid-March work has proceeded on this project. Except for the fourth floor, the Graduate School area and the old Reading Room, the job has been completed. We have been extremely pleased with both the attractiveness and the effectiveness of the remodeled building. Details are listed in the Appendix.



Architect's drawing for the Downes Memorial Clock Tower and terminal structures. Ground Breaking ceremonies were held March 7, the Cornerstone was laid June 8, and Dedication is planned for June 1958.

If education is the teacher at one end of the log and the student at the other, we certainly do not want to spend money to gild the log. Yet a Student Center is not gilding the log. It is providing among other things a place where student and teacher can go, for they cannot sit on the log all the time. We have, I believe, a very special obligation to build such a Center. Without it we cannot be the personal college that is our boast. Some 550 students, including the entire freshman class, do not belong to fraternities. They have no place to meet their teachers, their parents or their friends from outside the College. We lack a hearthstone, a place for their social welfare, for their friendly comradeship. In addition, some 500 students take their meals at the College, and Hamlin Dining Hall seats less than 200. The Student Center will provide the much-needed additional commons space.

The original goal of \$1,000,000 for the Student Center has had to be increased to \$1,250,000, and even then a number of important items have had to be eliminated. The erection of this building at the earliest possible moment is a matter of the greatest importance.

Nor is a new Science Unit for mathematics and physics gilding the log. Such a building is vitally essential for the effective teaching of these important subjects in an electronic age. \$1,000,000 has been included in our Program of Progress for this project. It is hoped that one or more possible benefactors soon will make this building possible.

The Downes Memorial Clock Tower with terminal structures connecting it with the Chapel and with Williams Memorial, made possible by the magnificent generosity of the late Mr. Louis W. Downes, '88, beloved Alumnus and Trustee, has been under construction since mid-March. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held on March 7th, and the cornerstone was laid June 8th. This new edifice, which should be completed by Commencement of 1958, will add greatly to the beauty of our Campus and to the effectiveness of our operations. In it will be the room for the Trustees of the College, carefully designed by Mr. Downes.

On November 23, 1956, Mr. John Gregory Wiggins, M.A., '40 *honoris causa*, passed away. Wherever the eye rests in our Chapel, it must see something of beauty that Trinity owes to this artist, who recorded with such consummate skill the lives and events dear to the College. As one of his many admirers has said: "In Gregory Wiggins' work there is usually more than meets the eye, for with his skill in carving is subtly blended an appreciation for the texture of materials, a vast and recondite erudition and a whimsical sense of humor." His wisdom, understanding, and skill long will remain at Trinity. A Memorial Communion Service for Mr. Wiggins was held in our Chapel May 18, 1957, conducted by the Reverend John Crocker, D.D.

The unfinished pew ends and kneelers in the Chapel will be designed by Professor John C. E. Taylor and carved by Mr. Irvin Dressel of C. H. Dresser and Son, Inc.

In my report of a year ago, I commented on the shortage of dormitory space caused by the unexpected increase in the student body over the previous year, pointing out that much as we disliked it we would as an emergency measure have to add to the numbers in the rooms in Ogilby, Jarvis and Elton. The same condition will undoubtedly prevail in September of 1957, as the College will then be much the same size as a year ago. The pressure, however, will have eased somewhat as the administrative offices in the dormitories will be available for student occupancy as they will have been moved to Williams Memorial; and students will be placed in the College house at 84 Vernon Street. In addition, the College has leased from the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity the property it recently acquired, which will be used to house students who are members of the fraternity.

A shortage of adequate dormitory space, however, exists and will continue to exist. The solution is not another typical dormitory. Rather it is to improve fraternity housing so that it can accommodate more students.

The time has come when we must face the matter of fraternity housing squarely and frankly. The situation at the moment is very unsatisfactory. Our fraternities are in great need of new housing. The College has during recent years discussed this matter on many occasions with representatives of the several fraternities in the hope that they would

come forward with a constructive program that would be of material benefit to the College and themselves. This has not been forthcoming. The College will therefore in the near future present a plan of its own. It will be fair to the fraternities and will recognize the desirability that they continue to enjoy the utmost autonomy. It will be based on the realization that the College cannot and should not alone do all the financing, and that the fraternities cannot themselves do much in this regard unless their members have in the gifts they make the benefit of tax exemption. The College will seek to provide adequate and increased housing facilities for our fraternities.

With its long-range program in mind, the College has during 1956-1957 made several significant purchases of property on Allen Place: 165-167 (the Euliano property); 171-181 (vacant lots); and 183-189 (the two apartment houses each with six five-room apartments from Mr. Scoler). The apartment houses, when they are vacated and certain work done on them will for a time be available for student housing. It is hoped that the date will be September, 1958.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds is studying with great diligence an overall plan for the future development of the Campus. This has become a matter of the utmost importance because of the plans for future buildings and because of the changes necessitated by the erection of the Downes Memorial.

THE ADMINISTRATION

With the changes made to the administrative staff during the year, it is, I am confident, entirely capable and adequate to cope with the rapidly increasing problems it is called upon to face. These changes are set forth in detail in the Appendix.

I conclude my fourth full year as President of Trinity fully confident that the problems facing the College will be resolved successfully; happy to note the progress made during 1956-1957; grateful for the splendid cooperation and understanding which you have given me and for the excellent assistance and the many kindnesses on the part of my faculty and administrative colleagues. I look forward to working with you in furthering the interests of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Albert Jacob". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A".

Trinity College
September 1957

President

APPENDIX

In the Appendix to my Report I will deal with the following subjects: the Student Body; the Faculty; the Administration; the Trustees; the Alumni; the Parents; the Religious Program; the Library; College Events; and Building and Grounds.

THE STUDENT BODY

During 1957-1958 the students at Trinity conducted themselves with commendable effectiveness. The details of their activities are listed below.

NUMBERS

At the opening of the Christmas Term 986 were enrolled as candidates for the baccalaureate degree—201 in the senior class; 221 in the junior class; 270 in the sophomore class; and 294 freshmen. This increase of 8.9 per cent over the enrollment at the same time a year ago does not indicate any change in College policy which still is for an average undergraduate body through the year of some 900. The increase, which was quite unexpected, was due to an almost complete lack of attrition over the summer in regard to the members of the incoming freshman class which as a result was 294 instead of the contemplated 265, and also to the return to College of some 40 boys instead of the customary 15.

At the One Hundred and Thirty-First Commencement Exercises 132 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; 49 that of Bachelor of Science; 34 the degree of Master of Arts; and 3 the degree of Master of Science.

The Class of 1960, numbering 294, and selected from 1,200 completed applications, came from 21 states, the District of Columbia, and 3 foreign countries. Sixteen per cent were residents of Greater Hartford; 32.5 per cent of Connecticut; and 43.4 per cent of New England. Eighty-three and four-tenths per cent resided in the College dormitories.

The College continues to pay marked attention to the individual student. During 1956-1957 the average class numbered 15.75. We had one full-time teacher for every ten students.

The Program of Graduate Studies provides valuable educational services to the Greater Hartford community. Enrollment during the Christmas and Trinity Terms respectively was 348 (326 graduates and 22 undergraduates) and 290 (260 graduates and 30 undergraduates). Throughout the year 421 students were registered. One hundred and seventy-nine were candidates for the Master's degree; 14 others had their master's application pending; while 12 had received the Master's degree from the College.

The 1957 Summer School enrollment was 392, as compared with 400 in 1956, 366 in 1955, and 305 in 1954. Eighty-three were graduate students, while 100 were Trinity undergraduates.

SCHOLARSHIP

The average academic grade for the College was 75.1, as compared with 75.5 in 1955-1956; and 75.0 in 1954-1955. The freshman class

maintained an average of 73.59, as against 73.51 a year ago, and 70.9 in 1954-1955; the upperclassmen 75.69; resident students 74.73; non-resident students 76.27; married students 79.21; single students 74.94; members of fraternities 75.26; and independents, including the Brownell Club (79.93) 74.92.

One hundred and eleven and 127 in February and June respectively earned Dean's List averages. The corresponding figures in 1955-1956 were 107 and 130; in 1954-1955, 115 and 117.

During the year 83 students (38 freshmen and 45 upperclassmen) were placed on probation, as compared with 90 (41 freshmen and 49 upperclassmen) in 1955-1956, and 98 (62 freshmen and 36 upperclassmen) in 1954-1955. In addition, 44 students (14 freshmen and 30 upperclassmen) were required to withdraw from college, as compared with 36 (7 freshmen and 29 upperclassmen) a year ago; and with 28 (17 freshmen and 11 upperclassmen) in 1954-1955.

Nineteen members of the Class of 1957 were elected to membership in the Connecticut Beta of Phi Beta Kappa.

One hundred and sixty-two students had scholarships for the entire year for a total of \$110,250, the average being \$680.55. In addition, 16 students held scholarships during the Christmas Term only in the amount of \$3,825; and 15 during the Trinity Term amounting to \$2,950. Thus, the total scholarships for the year were \$117,025. Forty-three of these were Illinois Scholars, for a total of \$46,875. In addition, 85 students received loans of \$12,865, for an average of \$151.35.

FRATERNITIES

Fraternities remain an important part of Trinity life. The College wishes them to continue. Under proper conditions they can help materially in the training of our students. Trinity fully recognizes the magnificent service over the years that fraternity men have rendered in building the College of today.

We are, however, concerned over fraternity scholarship. During 1956-1957 members of fraternities maintained an average of 75.26. While this was above the all-College average of 75.1, and for the seventh consecutive year exceeded that of the independents, 74.92 (including the Brownell Club with the fine record of 79.93), it was below the average for upperclassmen, 75.69 (and only upperclassmen are eligible for fraternities). Delta Phi 78.60 again led the fraternities, followed by Pi Kappa Alpha 77.26, by Phi Kappa Psi 76.68, Theta Xi 76.38, and Alpha Chi Rho 76.32. The other five fraternities were below both the average for the upperclassmen, 75.69, as well as the All-College Average, 75.1: Sigma Nu 75.03, Alpha Delta Phi 74.98, Psi Upsilon 72.04, Delta Psi 71.70, and Delta Kappa Epsilon 70.51.

In an effort to induce fraternities to improve their academic record, the President, the Dean of the College and the Dean of Students have on numerous occasions in recent years met with the representatives of the several fraternities. In February at the end of the Christmas Term, three fraternities with consistently poor records were again well below the all-College average for that term—74.49: Psi Upsilon 71.58, Delta

Kappa Epsilon 69.8, and Delta Psi 69.75. As a result the Committee on Administration of the Faculty curtailed materially their social privileges for the Trinity Term, and warned them that unless there were a marked improvement during the Trinity Term their social privileges for the Christmas Term 1957-1958 would be taken away entirely. At the end of the recent Trinity Term the records of these three fraternities were: Psi Upsilon 72.54, an increase of .96 from 71.58; Delta Kappa Epsilon 71.21, an increase of 1.41 from 69.8; and Delta Psi 73.8, an increase of 4.05 from 69.75. On this record it was decided that Delta Psi alone had made the "marked improvement", and that Psi Upsilon and Delta Kappa Epsilon would be deprived of social privileges for the coming Christmas Term.

The College will continue carefully to watch fraternity scholarship and will take such steps as are necessary.

In an effort to improve fraternity scholarship, the Interfraternity Council has wisely decided that beginning next year an academic average of 70 instead of 67 will be required for rushing eligibility.

ATHLETICS

On the athletic field the College had its ups and downs. Our teams won a wholesome number of the contests in which they participated. Our varsity and freshman teams, including lacrosse (an informal sport), recorded 81 victories, 68 defeats, and one tie, for a winning percentage of 54.3. The varsity record was 47 wins, 45 losses, and one tie, for 51.1 per cent. The freshman teams recorded 34 victories and 23 defeats for 59.5 per cent.

I report the following highlights of the athletic year. Our varsity soccer team was undefeated with 8 wins and no losses; it received national recognition as did Douglas B. Raynard, '57, selected as center on the First All-American Team, and Donald E. Duff, '57, who received honorable mention as right half-back, each being chosen on the First All-New England Team. The varsity football team with 5 victories and 2 losses made a grand comeback after a disastrous start. The freshman football squad did well with a three and one record. The varsity baseball nine had a fine season with 13 victories and 6 defeats, including wins over Columbia, Navy, Yale and three over Wesleyan. I note also the splendid 6-1 and 7-2 records respectively of the freshman squash and swimming teams; and the 7 wins and 2 losses of the varsity tennis team.

THE AIR FORCE R.O.T.C.

At the opening of the academic year 152 students were enrolled in the Air Force R.O.T.C., 40 of them in the Advanced Program. At the end of the year the figures were 143 and 39 respectively. Sixteen were commissioned on June 8, 1957. Five others will receive their commissions after summer camp or summer school. The Air Force R.O.T.C. continues to play a significant role in College affairs. Lieutenant Colonel George M. Manning, USAF, Professor of Air Science, has maintained the high standards established by his predecessors.

PLACEMENT

The Class of 1957 included 184 seniors who were on the Campus during 1956-1957. According to the Report of the Director of Placement, 59, or 31.5 per cent, are going to graduate or professional school in September, the preferred fields being: medicine 11, law 10, theology 5, history 5, business 3, chemistry 3, romance languages 3, geology 2, mathematics-physics 2, music 2, physics 2, psychology 2. Additional members of the class will go to graduate or professional school after the completion of their military service.

Fellowships for graduate study include: John J. Bonsignore, '57, the Trinity-University of Chicago Law Fellowship; Ward S. Curran, '57, the Edward J. Noble Foundation Fellowship; John M. Daniels, '57, a Fulbright Fellowship; David MacIsaac, '57, a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship; Clyde S. Rowley, '57, the Trinity-University of Chicago Business Fellowship. Joseph Traut, Jr., '59, was awarded the International Nickel Company Scholarship at R.P.I., and John L. Thompson, '58, the Westinghouse Educational Foundation Scholarship.

Sixty-eight members of the senior class, 37.1 per cent, were immediately employed; ten, 5.4 per cent, were having interviews at the end of the year. Thirty-one, 16.8 per cent, have gone into military service. Twenty-six, 14.6 per cent, fall into miscellaneous categories. In December a 15 page résumé of the Class of 1957 was sent to some 650 companies.

The Director of Placement reports that company recruiting on the Campus continues to increase. One hundred and three companies (41 had to be cancelled) visited the College, holding 1185 interviews with 120 seniors. Telephone and letter inquiries were also received from some 510 other companies. Furthermore, 88 educational institutions wrote or telephoned in regard to teaching positions. This autumn two seniors are going into teaching; 8 others going to graduate school plan to do so at a later date.

Starting salaries continue to increase at an amazing rate. The salary range for the B. A. graduate was from \$3,796 to \$5,500, the average being \$4,745, as compared with \$4,306 in 1956; for the B. S. graduate \$4,900 to \$5,700, the average being \$5,361, as compared with \$4,866 a year ago. Again this year some companies made no distinction between the B. A. and the B. S. graduate in regard to starting salaries.

Work in alumni placement grows each year. This is particularly true in regard to alumni of recent classes who are about to finish their military service. In addition, 31 alumni currently employed were during 1956-1957 given 157 referrals for interviews. At present, the office has listed 45 alumni who are in the process of taking interviews or who will be out of the service in September and starting interviews. Many alumni also visit the Placement Office for discussion about their present positions and future plans.

Undergraduates at Trinity have good opportunities for part-time work. During the year some 600 off-campus positions were listed, and about 150 on-campus jobs. In September mailings were sent to about 500 off-campus employers. Nearly one-half of our undergraduates, 450,

registered during the year for either steady or intermittent part-time work. Over 425 jobs were filled.

THE FACULTY

Including a few officers with various administrative duties, and disregarding changes which occurred during the academic year, there were on our staff during 1956-1957 20 Professors, 15 Associate Professors, 36 Assistant Professors, and 23 Instructors, a total of 94 available for full-time service, in addition to 8 part-time teachers. Throughout the year we had a teacher-student ratio of one to ten.

During 1956-1957 two members of the faculty were away from the College: Dr. Louis H. Naylor, Professor of Romance Languages, on sabbatical leave during the Trinity Term, which he spent mostly in Italy; and Mr. George E. Nichols, III, Assistant Professor of Drama, on leave during the Christmas Term to study at Stanford.

During 1957-1958 four members of the faculty will be away: Mr. Ray Oosting, Professor of Physical Education, on sabbatical leave during the Christmas Term; Dr. George B. Cooper, Associate Professor of History, on sabbatical leave during the Christmas Term, to conduct further research in England; Dr. John B. McNulty, Associate Professor of English, on sabbatical leave during the entire year, part of which he will spend in working on the history of *The Hartford Courant*; and Mr. Rex C. Neaverson, Instructor in Government, during the Christmas Term for further study.

Eight members of the faculty will not be with us next year: Dr. Louis Brand, Visiting John H. Whitney Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Arthur H. Christ, Assistant Professor of Physical Education; Mr. Albert L. Gastmann, Instructor in Modern Languages; Mr. William H. Gerhold, Assistant Professor of Physical Education; Dr. Raul del Piero, Instructor in Romance Languages; Dr. Robert McK. Rauner, Assistant Professor of Economics; Dr. Joseph St. Jean, Assistant Professor of Geology; and Mr. Allyn J. Washington, '52, Instructor in Mathematics and Physics. They have served the College well. We wish them every success in their new endeavors.

I am happy to announce the appointment of 15 new members of the faculty. I list them alphabetically: Mr. Andrew P. Debicki, Instructor in Romance Languages; Dr. LeRoy Dunn, Assistant Professor of Economics; Mr. Robert L. Farnsworth, Instructor in Geology; Mr. Martin H. Francis, '52, Instructor in Geology (having previously taught part-time); Mr. Alexander J. Groth, Instructor in Government during the Christmas Term; Dr. Stephen P. Hoffman, Jr., Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Mr. Theodor M. Mauch, Assistant Professor of Religion; Mr. Chester H. McPhee, Instructor in Physical Education; Mr. Charles J. McWilliams, Instructor in Physical Education; Mr. Charles H. Olmsted, Instructor in English; Mr. Thomas O. Pinkerton, Instructor in Modern Languages; Mr. Robert E. Shults, Instructor in Physical Education; Dr. Glen Weaver, Assistant Professor of History; Mr. John F. Wild, Instructor in Physics; and Mr. Edward B. Williams, Instructor in Romance Languages.

Thirteen members of the faculty have received deserved promotions. The following will be effective September 1, 1957: Dr. Edmond LaB. Cherbonnier, to Professor of Religion; Dr. Kenneth W. Cameron and Dr. Ralph M. Williams, to Associate Professor of English. As of February 1, 1957, the following ten instructors were promoted to the rank of assistant professor: Dr. Philip C. F. Bankwitz, to Assistant Professor of History; Dr. Richard P. Benton, to Assistant Professor of English; Dr. Edward Bobko, to Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Mr. William H. Gerhold, to Assistant Professor of Physical Education; Dr. Robert D. Meade, to Assistant Professor of Psychology; Dr. James L. Potter, to Assistant Professor of English; Dr. Robert McK. Rauner, to Assistant Professor of Economics; Dr. Joseph St. Jean, Jr., to Assistant Professor of Geology; Dr. William L. Trousdale, to Assistant Professor of Physics; and Dr. Emmet F. Whittlesey, to Assistant Professor of Mathematics. In addition, Dr. Randolph W. Champan, Professor of Geology, has been placed on indefinite tenure.

THE ADMINISTRATION

During 1956-1957 several important changes took place in the administrative staff.

The year began with new persons in two important posts. On July 1, 1957, Mr. F. Gardiner F. Bridge became Director of Admissions; and Mr. Robert W. Bacon, '51, Assistant Director of Development, positions they have filled with real effectiveness.

The Reverend J. Moulton Thomas assumed his duties as the Chaplain of the College on October 15, 1956. For the first time since June 30, 1955, the College had a permanent chaplain. Under his spiritual leadership the religious life of the College has flourished. Until his arrival the Right Reverend Lewis Bliss Whittemore, D.D., S.T.D., Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan, served with great effectiveness as Interim Chaplain.

During the autumn Mr. Henry E. Wilcox, Assistant Comptroller, resigned after seven and one-half years of valuable service. He was succeeded as of December 1, 1956, on a part-time basis, by Mr. Ernest W. Evenson, M.A. '54, Senior Master at Loomis School, who has been a fine addition to the College. As of July 1, 1957, Mr. Evenson came to the College on a full-time basis.

In the early winter Mr. Hugh S. Rogers, the able and likeable Assistant Property Manager for over 5 years, retired. He has been succeeded by Mr. Tracy Judson, who is doing a good job.

In the early spring it was decided that the duties of Placement Director and Alumni Secretary were too heavy for one person to carry; that Mr. John F. Butler, '33, should devote his full time to Placement work in which field he has gained such wide acclaim. Until July 1, 1957, Mr. John A. Mason, '34, Assistant to the President, served effectively as Acting Alumni Secretary. On July 1, 1957, Mr. Robert W. Bacon, '51, for the past year the Assistant Director of Development,

became Alumni Secretary, a post for which he is uniquely qualified. He will continue to work with Mr. Albert E. Holland, '34, in carrying forward the Alumni Fund.

THE TRUSTEES

On August 28, 1956, the College suffered a great loss in the untimely death of Mr. James B. Webber, Jr., '34, for eight years one of our most highly respected Trustees. Mr. Webber, the executive vice-president of The J. L. Hudson Company, Detroit, Michigan, a most constructive participant in the affairs of his community, long had served his Alma Mater with great effectiveness. He was at the time of his death the chairman of the leadership gifts of our Program of Progress.

At the meeting of the Corporation on November 10, 1956, Mr. Ostrom Enders, President of the Hartford National Bank and Trust Company and a leading citizen of his community, was elected a Life Trustee to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Webber's death. At the same meeting Mr. Henry S. Beers, '18, President of the Aetna Life and Affiliated Companies, and an Alumni Trustee since 1951, was elected a Life Trustee to fill the vacancy created by the death on May 29, 1956, of Colonel J. H. Kelso Davis, '99.

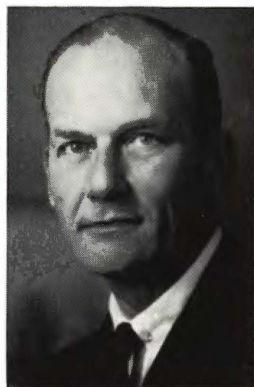


Alumni Trustee

BARCLAY SHAW
June 8, 1957

Life Trustee

OSTROM ENDERS
Nov. 10, 1956



The announcement that Mr. Barclay Shaw, '35, had been elected an Alumni Trustee, was made at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association on June 8, 1957. A prominent lawyer in New York, always active in the affairs of his Alma Mater, President of the Alumni Association for 1956-1957, and re-elected for 1957-1958; he currently is the chairman of special and leadership gifts of the Program of Progress.

The four meetings of the Trustees—November 10, January 12, April 13, and June 7—were all well attended.

THE ALUMNI

The College is deeply grateful to the alumni for their continued and devoted support of Alma Mater. I pay particular tribute to Mr. Barclay Shaw, '35, for his highly effective service as President of the Alumni Association; to the other officers and members of the Executive Committee; to the Alumni Trustees; to the Board of Fellows; to the Class Agents and Secretaries; to the several local alumni associations; as well as to the many alumni who have in countless ways served the College, and particularly for the part they are playing in the Program of Progress.

As of June 30, 1957, 6,787 alumni were on our mailing list: 4,732 graduates (holders of baccalaureate, masters and honorary degrees); and 2,055 non-graduates. During the year 2,449 changes of address were made, many fewer than in 1955-1956. The Alumni Office received word that 52 alumni had passed away in 1956-1957.

The Alumni Office has for the first time been in a position to compile a complete breakdown of our alumni which will henceforth be used to keep a running total. I give you the statistics as of June 30, 1957: Bachelor of Arts 2126; Bachelor of Science 2036; Master of Arts 401; Master of Science 13; V-12 227; honorary degrees 130; graduate 27; non-graduates 2084; non-matriculated students 118; special students 22; Bachelor of Letters 9; miscellaneous 6; deceased 3466; removed from the master list 697; total on the master list 7054; total alumni 11,217.

I note the following alumni activities not elsewhere reported in detail:

Homecoming was on November 10th, at the time of the Amherst game. Mr. Andrew H. Forrester, '27, and his committee did a fine job. Some 400 had luncheon in the Field House.

The Alumni Interviewing Committee under the very able chairmanship of Mr. George C. Capen, '10, was again active and most helpful. One hundred and fifteen alumni in 12 areas and 28 others in independent districts worked closely and effectively with our Admissions Office. Their valuable help is deeply appreciated. This Committee is one of the most important of all alumni activities.

During 1956-1957 most of the alumni meetings were in connection with the kick-off dinners of the Program of Progress. I have already reported on these. The following gatherings independent of the Capital Gifts Campaign and attended by various members of the faculty and staff were held: Hartford, November 16th; New York, December 4th; Baltimore, April 10th; Washington, April 11th; Philadelphia, May 22nd; New London, May 23rd; New York, May 25th (the Annual Spring Frolic at the beautiful estate of Dr. Jerome P. Webster, '10, at which time signal tribute was paid to Mr. Frederick C. Hinkel, Jr., '06, for his devoted service to Alma Mater); Washington, June 1st (the family outing at the home of Mr. Martin Gaudian, '25); and New Haven, June 12th. During the year two new Alumni Associations were organized by Mr. John A. Mason, '34, in New Britain and New London.

The June Reunion, very effectively planned by Mr. L. Barton Wilson, III, '37, and his able committee, was a great success. Five hundred and thirty attended the Smorgasbord on Friday evening, June 7th, and

the Alumni and Senior Luncheon on Saturday, June 8th. Mr. Arthur Rabinowitz, '17, served as chairman of the Alumni Seminars. At one Professor Harold L. Dorwart discussed "Mathematics in a Changing World"; and at the other Professor Samuel F. Morse "The Undergraduate Writers' Dilemma." For the second year the baseball team played a home and home series with Wesleyan.

Mr. Leonard D. Adkins, '13, was reelected a Senior Fellow, and Mr. L. Barton Wilson, III, '37, was elected a Senior Fellow to succeed Mr. Clarence I. Penn, '12, who for over two terms had served with devoted effectiveness. Dr. Joseph N. Russo, '41, was elected a Junior Fellow for a second term; and Mr. Herbert B. Bland, '40, was elected a Junior Fellow to succeed Mr. Seymour E. Smith, '34, who for two terms has been a tower of strength.

THE PARENTS

The Trinity College Parents Association will be three years old in October. It continues to play an increasingly significant role in the affairs of the College, not only with financial support, but also with admissions and other problems. The College is deeply grateful to Mr. A. Brooks Harlow, the extremely able and helpful President, to the other officers and the directors, and to all parents who have given such inspirational support.

The Third Annual Parents Day was held on November 3rd, and was attended by some 850 parents. The President addressed the group.

Some 200 parents attended the Second Annual Freshman Parents Day on May 11th, at which the President spoke.

The fund-raising activities of the Parents Association under the very able leadership of Mr. Samuel F. Ninness have already been discussed.

THE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM

The religious program of the College has been revitalized under the spiritual leadership of our new Chaplain. His influence has been widespread.

According to the report of the Chaplain, attendance during the year at the services in the Chapel increased 13 per cent. On a number of Sundays at the eleven o'clock service very able clergymen of several different communions brought vital messages to the congregation. The Chaplain expresses deep regret that the faculty and administration attendance at the Sunday services is so small. In November the Sung Processional was inaugurated at the eleven o'clock service on Sunday, adding thereby greatly to the spirit of the service. The crucifers were E. Laird Mortimer, III, '57; and Samuel F. Ninness, Jr., '57. The week day services at 8:00 A.M., were on Mondays and Fridays conducted by members of the faculty and administrative staff, and on Saturdays by seniors. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays they were in charge of the Chaplain who delivered a short address. As opportunity presented, visiting clergymen took those services. During Advent and

Lent, Compline services at 10:10 P.M. were conducted by members of the junior class.

The Sunday offerings were \$1,645.21, as compared with \$1,079.85 a year ago. This year, however, they were taken on every Sunday instead of once a month.

In November officers of the four religious groups met together for the first time and formed a Chapel Cabinet: "To bring together the student leaders of religious clubs in order to help the College Chaplain assist individuals and groups discover their great usefulness, and to bind together the Trinity family into an effective community." The presidency of the Cabinet will rotate each year so that a person of a different religious faith will lead the Chapel Cabinet in his senior year. The creation of the Chapel Cabinet has been a significant step in carrying forward the religious objectives of the College. Its activities have been most constructive. This interfaith Cabinet set aside February 12th to bring the Campus into the observance of National Brotherhood Week, the theme being "Against Racial and Religious Prejudices." The Cabinet also inaugurated the first Annual Seminary Day, March 7th, to which eleven seminaries, including Episcopal, Jewish, Roman Catholic and non-denominational, were each invited to send a faculty member and a student. Some 100 of our students attended the sessions. The Cabinet also conducted "The Embassy" on March 14th, with visiting Christian and Jewish leaders holding discussions in fraternities, the Brownell Club, and the freshman dormitories.

The Committee on Religious Life under the dedicated chairmanship of Professor John E. Candelet, continued its constructive deliberations.

The Department of Religion under the splendid leadership of Professor Edmond LaB. Cherbonnier is rendering magnificent service. Another member made possible by a generous anonymous gift is being added to the Department, Mr. Theodor M. Mauch, Assistant Professor of Religion.

THE LIBRARY

Each year since we have been in the new building, library use has continued to climb with no sign of slacking off—a most healthy situation.

Two new book funds were created during the year: the Sydney and Louisa Pinney Fund by an anonymous alumnus donor; and the Francis Watkinson Cole Fund by his gift to the Program of Progress.

The fourth year of the Watkinson Library Recataloging Project has been under way. This is the second year that funds for this important enterprise have been provided by the Old Dominion Foundation.

COLLEGE EVENTS

The major academic ceremonies and college events included the following:

1. The President's Dinner to the Class of 1960 in Hamlin Dining Hall on September 13th.

2. The Opening Exercises September 23rd, when the President delivered *The Book* to the Secretary of the Faculty, Dr. Lawrence W. Towle.

3. The annual reception at the President's Home for the faculty, September 26th.

4. The annual dinner for the Board of Fellows, September 28th.

5. The fourth annual dinner for the business and industrial leaders of the Greater Hartford Area in Hamlin Dining Hall following a reception at the President's Home.

6. The installation in the Chapel on November 1st of the Chaplain, the Reverend J. Moulton Thomas, in which the Right Reverend Walter H. Gray, D.D., and the President participated.

7. The third annual Parents Day on November 3rd and reception at the President's home.

8. The seventh annual leadership ceremony in the Chapel for the Air Force R.O.T.C., November 5th.

9. The annual dinner for Class Agents and Secretaries at the College November 9th.

10. The annual Homecoming on November 10th at the time of the Amherst game.

11. The National Resources Conference sponsored by the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and Trinity and presented by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces was held at the College from November 26th to December 6th. Some 300 attended the Conference and many of our students and faculty sat in on the various lectures. From the standpoint of relationship of the College with the Hartford community this was a most significant project.

12. The annual dinner at the College for the Chapel Builders on December 13th.

13. The observance on February 12th of National Brotherhood Week.

14. The annual Matriculation Exercises February 19th.

15. The ground breaking ceremonies in connection with the Downes Memorial Clock Tower on March 7th.

16. The first annual Seminary Day March 7th.

17. "The Embassy" on March 14th.

18. The Conference for the Connecticut Federation of Student Council Leaders March 26th with some 450 students in attendance.

19. Participation along with Hobart and Kenyon in National Christian College Day, April 28th. The President delivered the sermon at St. James' Church in New York and representatives from Hobart and Kenyon took part in the service and alumni of all three colleges marched in the procession. Our Chaplain participated in the service at Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, and Mr. John A. Mason, '34, attended the service in Boston.

20. The second annual Freshman Parents Day on May 11th.

21. The third annual College Work Conference sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut was attended by some 140.

22. The radio series "Trinity Spotlight" began in the spring over Station WCCC. Faculty and administrators appeared on this weekly program.

23. The President's Dinner to the Senior Class May 14th. Professor John A. Dando was the principal speaker.

24. The annual Honors Day May 16th.

25. The Memorial Communion Service May 18th for the late Mr. John Gregory Wiggins, M.A. '40, *honoris causa*, conducted by the Reverend John Crocker, D.D. The President paid tribute to Mr. Wiggins.

26. Class Day Exercises June 7th. The principal speaker was Mr. Alonzo G. Grace, Jr., '49, recently instructor in Physics.

27. The Air Force R.O.T.C. Commissioning Exercises June 8th with Lieutenant Colonel George M. Manning delivering the address.

28. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association June 8th. The coveted Eigenbrodt Award was presented to the Honorable Anson T. McCook, '02.

29. The cornerstone ceremonies in connection with the Downes Memorial June 8th.

30. The Baccalaureate Exercises Sunday morning, June 9th. The Right Reverend Harry Sherbourne Kennedy, D.D., the Bishop of the Episcopal Missionary District of Honolulu, and the father of David K. Kennedy, '54; and Paul S. Kennedy, '57, delivered the sermon.

31. The One Hundred and Thirty-First Commencement Exercises on Sunday, June 9th, outside of Northam Towers. The Commencement address was delivered by the President. Eleven degrees *honoris causa* were conferred: Doctor of Science, Daniel Alpert, '37, and Ethel Collins Dunham; Doctor of Humanities, Charles McElroy White; Doctor of Humane Letters, Brand Blanshard, William Edward Buckley, and Howard Lane Rubendall; Doctor of Laws, Charles Walton Deeds, and Frederick Edward Hasler; Doctor of Divinity, the Right Reverend Harry Sherbourne Kennedy, and the Reverend Joseph Anthony Racioppi, '17; and Doctor of Sacred Theology, the Right Reverend Lewis Bliss Whittemore. The Alumni Medals for Excellence were awarded to: Thomas Cook Brown, '15, Hugh Stewart Campbell, '32, and Barclay Shaw, '35.

32. The Eighth Annual Faculty Conference in Theology was held on the Campus the week after Commencement. Some 125 attended this outstanding Conference.

33. The summer series of carillon concerts continues and is very well received by the Hartford Community. In the autumn a special memorial service was held for the late Mr. Harvey Spencer. On Sunday afternoons Mr. Melvin C. Corbett gave three concerts, and at the same time instruction to our student carillonners.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

As I have already reported a great deal has been done in Williams Memorial from which the College will benefit. The coming year will be a transitional one with some offices of a temporary character. But the administrative personnel will all have moved from their offices in the dormitories. Central Services has gone to the basement floor where it now has adequate room for its printing facilities, addressograph and mailing departments as well as for a secretarial office. The photostat and dark rooms are well equipped and very adequate. For the first time all office supplies are housed in adequate stock rooms. The paper storage room has humidity controls. The Public Relations Offices are on the first floor where there is a vault for preserving valuable equipment and documents. The Property Manager's Office and Receiving Rooms are also located on the first floor. On the second floor the Placement Office will occupy the portion of the Reading Room where Public Relations was formerly situated. The Admissions and the Veterans Offices are also located there. The Development Office will occupy the old office of Mr. Kenneth C. Parker and will stretch into the eastern section of the north wing. Mr. John A. Mason, '34, Assistant to the President, will also be in the north wing, as will the Alumni Office.

The beauty of the Trinity Campus continues though marred somewhat temporarily by the construction of the Downes Memorial and the work in Williams Memorial. The inconvenience caused by the curtailment of parking facilities is much regretted. Great credit goes to Mr. Norman A. Walker, Property Manager, and his staff, for the effective housekeeping of our buildings and grounds.

Albert C. Jacobs, *President*

PRIVATE COLLEGES COULD NOT LONG ENDURE without the support of their sons and friends. Indeed, Trinity College is a living memorial to men and women who bequeathed their worldly goods to planting the seeds of freedom and knowledge in successive generations of young men. For the assistance of alumni and friends who desire to provide by will or deed for gifts to the College, the following newly drafted forms are suggested:

(Gift for General Purposes)

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH TO TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE, A CORPORATION EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HARTFORD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
..... DOLLARS (OR OTHERWISE DESCRIBE
THE GIFT) TO BE USED (or, THE INCOME TO BE USED) AT THE DISCRETION
OF THE CORPORATION.

(Gift for Specified Purpose)

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH TO TRUSTEES OF TRINITY COLLEGE, A CORPORATION EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF A SPECIAL ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HARTFORD, STATE OF CONNECTICUT,
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THE GIFT) TO BE USED (or, THE INCOME TO BE USED) FOR THE FOLLOWING
PURPOSES: (HERE SPECIFY THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE GIFT OR THE
INCOME THEREFROM IS TO BE USED).

It is desirable that the College be given considerable latitude in the use of any fund so that a change of circumstances will not impair the usefulness of the gift.

In order to insure compliance with all requirements of the law of the state in which the donor resides, it is recommended that the will or deed be prepared and its execution supervised by a lawyer. The Treasurer of the College will be glad to collaborate in the drafting of language appropriate to carry out the desires of the donor.