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ARMORY MEET.

Second Place in Pole Vault to Trinity's Credit.

The eleventh annual athletic meet of the 2nd Division, Naval Militia, C. N. G., was held Friday evening, March 1st. The Brown University athletes were the leading point-winners, carrying off a total of 29 points.

Trinity made a fine showing in the pole vault, S. Pulford, '13 taking second place with a vault of 10 feet. H. Wessels, '12, who entered for the N. Y. A. C., was third in this event.

The one mile relay race, between the Trinity freshmen and the Wesleyan freshmen, was extremely close and exciting. Wesleyan won by a narrow margin, Ross, the last Wesleyan runner finishing barely ten feet ahead of Crehore of Trinity.

The Trinity freshmen team consisted of Hall, Boehm, Vizner and Crehore. The Wesleyan representatives were: Halton, Defandorf, Sutton, and Ross. Time of winner; 3.55.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

In view of the reviving interest in college dramatics throughout the country, it seems strange that Trinity has taken no steps to get into line and form a permanent and valuable dramatic association, such as most of the other New England colleges have. There is plenty of talent in college, but the annual senior show in June is the only opportunity to bring it out, since the Jesters went out of existence some years ago. If a few men with willingness and ability to work could get together and revive the "Jesters" or start a similar organization which would present at least one good play every winter, after careful training and rehearsal, there would be no lack of interest and support in the college body.

Of course, it may be said that we are not large enough to support such an undertaking, either financially or in the number of men required. However, taking up the last point first, since the abolition of basket ball, there are very few athletic demands on any except the few who play hockey, from the end of November to the first of March. Hence, there are likely to be many who find the time dragging, and would be glad of any new interest.

As to the financial side, I believe that if one or two performances could be given in Parsons' Theatre, our Hartford alumni and friends as well as the undergraduates would give such hearty support that all the expenses could be paid. The Yale Dramatic Association makes money in Hartford every year, and surely we could do the same in our own town. Then, too, there are so many prominent Trinity men in New York, that with their help, a performance could be given in that city, which would at least pay for itself, even if it yielded no profit but the advertising it would give the college.

UNDERGRADUATE.

LETTER FROM DR. SCUDDER.

38 St. Boltolph St.,
Boston, Mass.

To the Editor of the Tripod,

This year's board of editors shows a very commendable desire to improve the *Tripod* by giving a greater variety of news than has been given in years past. But the aim of the *Tripod* (as stated in this year's prospectus, and reiterated in the eleventh number), "to give the alumni all the news of the college," has not been accomplished.

I am interested in football and other athletic sports. It is very gratifying to read of the success of the Trinity football team in its games, and of the success of Professor Gettell, as coach, in seeing the opportunities afforded and developing the team accordingly. This double success is so marked, that even when individual players are not mentioned, as in the review in *Outing*, the Trinity team and its methods receive most congratulatory notice.

The *Tripod* has given reports of the games, and a review of the season with criticism of the individual players, all in the masterly English and with the accurate proof-reading which has ever been the *Tripod's* boast. But has it occurred to you that there is a good deal of news about football at Trinity that you have not given, simply because you follow the lines of your predecessors and give news limited to one aspect on football? You might go farther, and print details of the personal appearance of the players, with their views on various subjects, their likes and dislikes, their favorite books, amusements, etc. Experience has shown that news of this sort is actually so popular, that it is possible to issue, successfully, periodicals that contain practically nothing but news of this personal nature. In your case, all such personal details would simply be an extension in one direction.

Where is the rest of the football news, that would give an alumnus living away from Hartford a clear idea of football at Trinity? Are there any eligibility rules? What are they? Have they been changed or modified in the last year or two? How many men tried for the team? Is the scrub team a fairly fixed team? Is it always easy to get enough men for the scrub team? In general how many men played as scrub team players during the season (assuming of course, that the scrub was not the same eleven men all through the season, but that there was more or less coming and going)? Are the men on the varsity team required to keep up to a fixed standard in studies? Is this standard below or above that of other students or is it the same? Have any men been obliged to stop playing because of falling below the standard, and if so, how many? How many men have received serious injuries? Have more men received light injuries than last year? Do any other men at college play football except those on the varsity and scrub

SENIOR ELECTIONS.

Class Day Officers Chosen Friday.

Last Friday afternoon the senior class met to elect class day officers from the list of nominations published in the last issue of *The Tripod*. After many close contests, the final results were as follows:

Class Day President, W. H. Bleecker, Jr., of Flushing, L. I.

Class Day Treasurer, James S. Craik, of Louisville, Ky.

Chairman of Class Day Committee, T. F. Flanagan, of Hartford.

Class Poet, William A. Bird, IV, of Buffalo, N. Y.

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Class Orator, Carlos S. Holcomb, of Torrington, Conn.

Chairman of Dramatics Committee, Elliott F. Pettigrew, of New York City.

Historian, K. Maxwell Kendall, of Framingham, Mass.

Presenter, Laurence H. McClure, of Hartford.

Statistician, Oliver Gildersleeve, of Gildersleeve, Conn.

teams, and the freshmen and sophomore teams? How many freshmen and sophomores try for their class teams? Has soccer been tried at all? Is there any talk of trying to play soccer? Is football regarded by most Trinity men as a game that they do not care to play?

An article that gave information of this sort arranged systematically would be of interest both now and in the future. A number of points would come up in the course of putting it together that are not mentioned here, as for instance the relation between the total number of men in college and the number of men who played football, for if a similar article were to be published at the end of the baseball season, it would be found that the total number of men in college was less than it was in the fall, on account of men who are dropped, or leave from one reason or another. You give a certain amount of information (most of it rather vague) at times, for instance in number 20, there is a statement about a freshmen-sophomore game, and in number 11, there is an editorial concerning an eligibility qualification for freshmen, with a statement that for the last six years most of the men of the teams have been men of "very good scholastic standing." This statement about standing interests me especially, for the last reliable information that I had on the subject was just about seven years ago. At that time the men at Trinity who took part in athletics, as a whole, averaged badly, with occasional exceptions. Here again is a proper cause of pride in the advance of Trinity—also an excellent subject to bring to the attention of the *Tripod* subscribers and the world at large, when other news fails; not a subject to be dismissed with an incidental mention.

What about basket-ball? This game came up with a mushroom-like growth in the athletic world, yet now seems to

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S. D. C. BANQUET.

The New Members Entertain the Juniors.

The annual initiation banquet of the Sophomore Dining Club was held last Saturday evening at the Allyn House. Though usually held in the fall, it was decided this year that this was a more suitable time. Arrangements were made by T. W. Little, '14. The menu follows:

Fresh Mushroom Cocktail

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Filet Mignon

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Lettuce

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John Bigelow Moore, '13, was toastmaster. There were no formal toasts, but the various members were called on for short, informal speeches on subjects of general interest, which often contained many clever hits on the other members.

The present membership of the club is as follows:

From 1913: Harold, S. Woodbury, Robert Wright Thomas, Richard L. Deppen, John B. Moore, Kenneth B. Case, Charles H. Collett, Henry B. Dillard, Robert P. Withington, John J. Whitehead, Jr., Edward S. Barney, Russell C. Noble, Merritt F. Cromwell, Samuel S. Swift, Francis E. Williams, and Stanley F. Marr; from 1914, Horace Fort, Stuart F. Fitzpatrick, George C. Burgwin, Jr., James A. Moore, Thomas W. Little, Theodore C. Hudson, Peter P. Lawlor, Archibald W. Walker, George H. Elder, John S. Moses, William B. Spofford, Theodore F. Wessels, Felix E. Baridon, William L. Rosenbaum, and Herbert A. Sage.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTIONS.

At a meeting of the Trinity branch of the Y. M. C. A. last Friday, officers for the next year were elected. The election resulted as follows:

President, Charles H. Collett, '13, of Dover, N. H. Collett is a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, captain-elect of next year's football team, president of his class, and secretary and treasurer of the A. A.

Vice-President, John S. Moses, '14, of Garden City, Long Island.

Secretary, E. Pinkney Wroth, '14, of Baltimore, Md.

Treasurer, Charles E. Craik, '14, of Louisville, Ky.

At the same meeting a mission study class was organized, which will be conducted by Mr. Briggs. The class will meet every Monday evening, beginning Monday the 11th.

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"NOW THEN, TRINITY."

The "Notes and Comments" column of the *Hartford Courant* of Monday, March 4th, contains the following paragraph:

One of the *Boston Herald's* stated contributors met our President Luther recently at Boston's University Club, with the usual results: the visitor from Hartford then and there acquired another enthusiastic admirer. "It may be mentioned," says the contributor, "that though President Luther has been at the head of Trinity but seven years, only eight of the twenty-three college presidents in these six states have held their positions longer. The dean of the twenty-three is President Hyde—who has been at the head of Bowdoin for twenty-six years."

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be on the verge of failure as a general sport. In some places it has been given up entirely, in others it is apparently just as popular as ever—on the whole it seems to be falling into disfavor. Why has it been given up at Trinity? In a letter to the *Tripod* it is stated that the chief reason for giving it up was the inferior quality of the teams turned out in the last few years. Is this actually the case? Was basket-ball ever really popular at Trinity? Has the increased interest in hockey taken the good men from the basketball to the hockey teams, so that in a college of the size of Trinity one or the other sport has to be dropped?

As one of your correspondents justly states, there are a number of alumni, who have different interests, and desire different things. But in general, the alumnus wishes to know what is going on at college and what the life of the undergraduate is, probably with especial reference to those sides of college life in which he is interested now or was interested in when at college. It seems to me that if the *Tripod* were to devote six or eight numbers a year to reviews of various sides of college life covering the ground as thoroughly as possible, it would interest the alumni and add to its list of subscribers. It would further give information in a way that is of interest to outsiders, so that the information might be printed in newspapers. There would also be put on record a number of facts that would be of interest for comparison at the end of a few years.

Some of these reviews would be easy to work up in spite of the number of figures in them, as in the case of athletic sports. Others would present some difficulty. But whether relating to cuts or chapel or fraternities, or education or social events or socialism, they could be written clearly and completely and in an interesting way.

All this information is news. It is news that cannot be supplied by the alumni.

Yours truly,

HEYWARD SCUDDER, '91.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of *The Tripod*,

In previous issues of the *Tripod* I have seen communications to the editor in regard to the revival of the old *Tablet*. Apparently these remarks have not made even the slightest impression on anybody. There is not enough interest in the college to revive a periodical which, although possibly not wonderful as a collection of the present literature, was certainly far from being a discredit to the college. There may be this interest somewhere—there is, I happen to know, but it needs some backing. Two or three fellows cannot possibly start a magazine without the sympathy and support of the college as a whole. What I would like to see is a magazine something on the order of the *Williams* and *Dartmouth* monthlies; possibly not on as presumptuous a scale as these two, but there is no reason why we could not have the quality of our work just as good. If there was talent enough in Trinity four or five years ago to keep the sheets of the *Tablet* full, there is surely talent enough today when the enrollment of students is so much larger. Why not give the matter a few minutes of serious thought? Of course founding

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a magazine is an undertaking which involves a great amount of labor, and of course there is the financial end to be considered. "The *Tablet* failed", you say, "so it is futile to attempt anything of that nature again". A remark of that kind is not any sort of argument. As a matter of fact the *Tablet* only failed after a long term of usefulness. I don't know the in's and the out's of that matter, but I believe that it failed more from a lack of money than from a lack of ideas, and there were many alumni who hated to see it go, and who would welcome something to fill its place. A few might even dig down into their pockets and help with the first two or three issues. If after that the magazine should show itself unworthy to live—then let it die. But if we could only get the sympathy of the students and the alumni, and the support of both financially, it seems to me that talent enough would reveal itself to justify the publication.

UNDERGRADUATE.

ALUMNI NOTE.

'84—Edward S. Van Zile was one of the guests at the dinner, recently held in New York in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of William Dean Howells. President Taft was one of the speakers of the evening.

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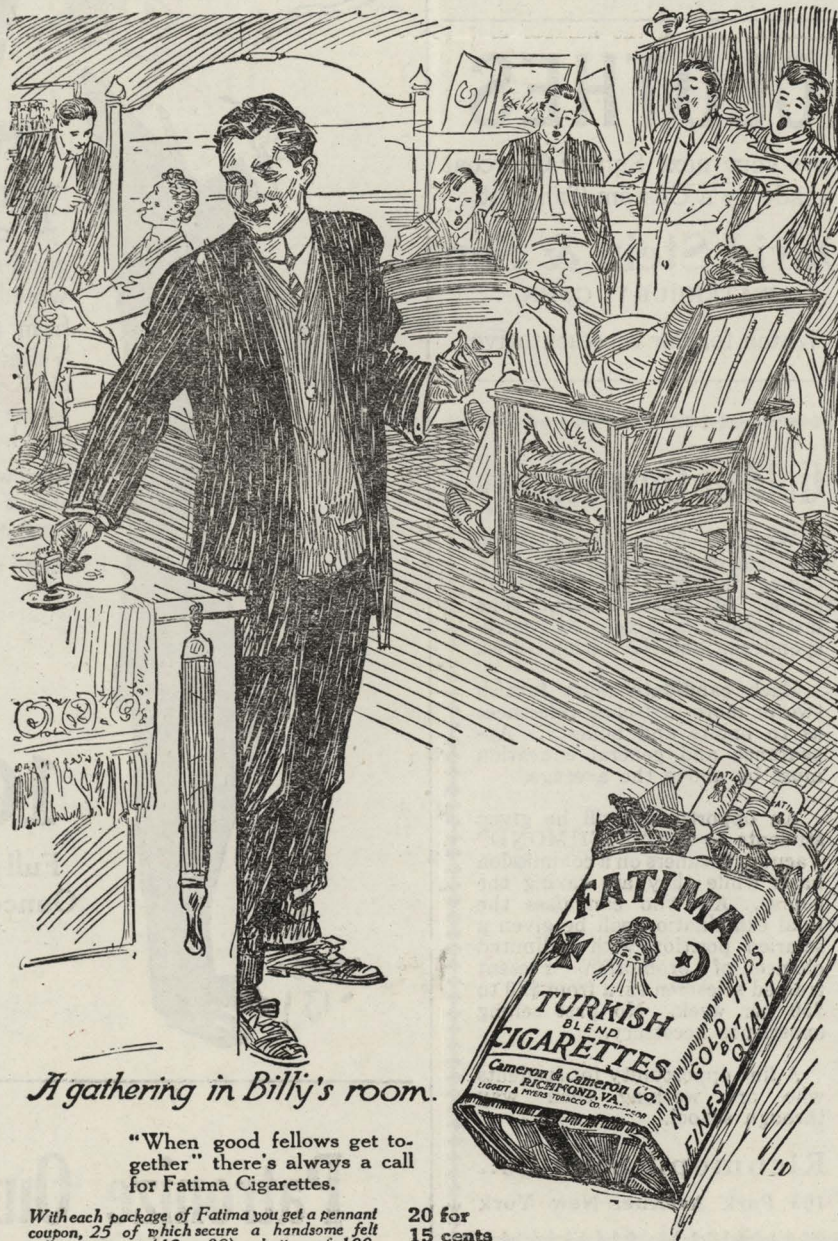
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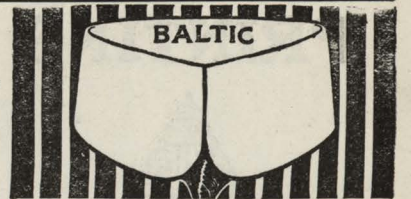


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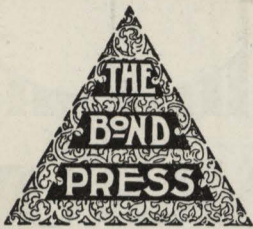
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