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"WIT AND HUMOR."

Mr. John Stewart White, Author and Humorist, Addresses College.

Practically the entire college body turned out in Alumni Hall on Monday evening, November 24th, to hear an address on "Wit and Humor", by Mr. John Stewart White, the well-known humorous writer, who is at present head master of a boys' school in Chicago.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, '14, called the meeting to order but almost immediately resigned the floor to Dr. Luther, who introduced the speaker as a member of the class of 1870 at Harvard, but who had atoned for this error by receiving the doctor of law degree from Trinity in 1879.

Mr. White was greeted with a rousing "Trin." His first words after the applause had died down were to congratulate the college on its president, which called forth another storm of appreciative applause. Proceeding to the topic of his address, Mr. White said that humor was impossible to define with exactness, but may be distinguished from wit in that humor is always friendly, while wit is frequently unkind.

Illustrative of his point, Mr. White launched into story after story, sparkling with humor and told in an inimitable manner that provoked roars of laughter from his hearers. Some were anecdotes picked up abroad, illustrative of foreign humor, or lack of it, while others were in dialect.

The humor of children was discussed and analyzed. Mr. White told of a little girl, Lillian, who was possessed of a brilliant mind but who was withal a fearful liar. One day the child came home from school and found the ladies' sewing circle at her mother's house. Bursting with newly acquired knowledge, she proceeded to tell her mother that she had learned that the human body was composed of three parts, the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. "The head contains the brain, mouth, and eyes, the thorax contains (signs of uneasiness on the mother's part) the stomach, the liver and the lungs, and the abdomen contains the"—"Lillian!" "But mother, it's fearfully interesting. The abdomen contains the vowels, a, e, i, o, and u."

Among his dialect stories Mr. White recounted one of a gentleman who stuttered badly when hurried or excited. Wishing to purchase a ticket at a railway station he got in line before the window. Finally his turn came. "I w-w-w-w-want a t-t-t-t—" "Pass on!" yelled the ticket agent. The man passed on and awaited his turn again at the other end of the long line. Again he was at the ticket window. "G-g-g-g-ive m-m-m-me a t-t—" "Round you go," said the ticket agent and the crestfallen stutterer moved again to await his turn, with no better

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CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

Held by Y. M. C. A. Trinity Men Make Good Showing.

On Thanksgiving morning a very successful five-mile cross country run was held under the auspices of the physical department of the Hartford Y. M. C. A., in which seven Trinity men entered. With one exception they all placed within the prize limit, but none were able to keep up with the pace set by A. W. Francis of the Y. M. C. A. He won the race, establishing a new record of 26 minutes, 26 seconds for the course, and his nearest opponent was Captain Ted Wessels, '14, of Trinity, who finished nearly half a mile behind him. Mort Crehore, '14, another representative of the Blue and Gold, closely followed Wessels, and came in 10 seconds later, gaining the prize for third place. The next two runners, W. Kilray and F. Velhage, were Y. M. C. A. men, and next in order came Little, '17, George, '16, and Bissell, '15, all of Trinity. Macrum, '17, finished in tenth place, and Tree, '17, who was not in training, was the last to reach the Association building.

In addition to the various prizes, the Y. M. C. A. officials presented the Trinity men with souvenir medals, to show the appreciation the association feels for the help our men have given them. They looked upon the presence of the Blue and Gold runners as one of the chief reasons for the success of the undertaking.

NORWICH VICTORIOUS.

"Trinity Consolidated" Defeated 24 to 0 at Norwich on Thanksgiving.

Trinity's last representatives this fall in football suffered glorious defeat last Thursday afternoon when a mixed eleven under the name of "Trinity Consolidated" succumbed to the onslaught of the Norwich team, at Norwich, Conn. Two of the "Consolidated's" players had to be recruited from Norwich ranks, as the available supply of football men at college was sadly depleted by the Thanksgiving holiday. The Trinity team had had one signal practice and seven out of the nine Trinity men had played football before, so the defeat must be inscribed rather to the strength of the Norwich team and to a hearty Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed by the "Consolidateds", than to any weakness or disorganization on the latter's part.

It took the visitors some time to warm up to the game, and during the first half, while heat was being applied, Norwich piled up two touchdowns and a field goal, while Trinity failed to score. The second half witnessed an improvement, and the third quarter ended with no additional score on either side. In the last period, Norwich scored another touchdown and kicked goal, making the score 24 to 0.

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GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

Season Starts Successfully in Portland.

The Trinity glee club gave its opening concert last Tuesday night at Waverly Theatre, Portland, under the auspices of the Men's Club of Trinity Parish. All things considered, the club did very well, though the audience was not of such a size as to inspire the men to their best efforts.

- 1—(a) There's a College on the Hill.
(b) Drinking Song.
Glee Club
- 2—Solo.
Mr. Shelley
- 3—Luella Lee.
- 4—(a) Farewell.
(b) Forget-me-not.
- 5—Solo.
Mr. Fort
- 6—College Songs.
- 7—Solo.
Mr. Fort
- 8—The Coppah Moon.
- 9—Sapphire Seas (Firefly).
- 10—College Songs.
- 11—'Neath the Elms.

ALUMNI DINNER.

To Be Given in New York Thursday at Hotel Astor.

The annual dinner of the New York association, of the alumni of Trinity College, will be held Thursday evening, December 4th, at seven o'clock in the college room of the Hotel Astor. Several speakers of prominence will be present, and a double quartette from the glee club will sing. Tickets are five dollars, and may be procured prior to the banquet by writing to F. C. Hinkel, Jr., secretary, 215 West 23rd Street. It is hoped that a large number of alumni will attend.

Senate Meeting.

Friday, Nov. 21, 1913.

A special meeting of the Senate was called to order in the *Tripod* room, at 12.50 p. m., by President Fitzpatrick. Mr. Stites was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Myers, Hudson, Roberts, Levine, Cross, Stites, and Howell were present.

Candidates for junior cheer-leader were discussed. Messrs. Brainerd and Bent were nominated and unanimously elected.

President Fitzpatrick brought to the attention of the Senate the taking of fire-wood from around the new building by the college body. The sentiment of the Senate was in favor of stopping this, inasmuch as the contractors who are rushing the work for completion in June, have been put to serious delay on account of this practice.

On motion of Mr. Hudson the meeting adjourned.

F. B. Stites, Secretary, *pro tem*.

SUNDAY CHAPEL.

Doctor Henry Ferguson Preaches The Sermon.

The sermon at the Sunday chapel service was preached by Doctor Henry Ferguson, LL. D. He took as his text the first petition of the Lord's Prayer found in Luke 11: 2: "And he said unto them, When ye pray say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

The preacher stated that the Christian religion had always been founded upon a basis of faith and hope, how men had lived in the expectation of Christ's coming to earth, and how they now live in the expectation of His second coming. He declared that this promised golden age, an age of happiness for the faithful, is the end for which the world was created.

While other religions, he said, look forward to the ultimate annihilation of man's personality, the Christian religion teaches that the world is steadily improving, that it is better today than it ever was before, and that if we do our duty it will be better still tomorrow. Christ brought the highest hope ever known to man, life after death, and the triumph of right.

Doctor Ferguson said that it was impossible for us to believe that God so mismanaged His creation that He will be obliged to sweep mankind from the earth. He quoted this passage from the Scripture in support of his statement: "God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that through Him men might be saved." God, he said, is to come and rule over a ransomed world.

The speaker cited as examples of moral progress the mercy, the horror of war, and the common honesty in business transactions that are characteristic of man today and that find no parallel in the centuries back. He showed how man today reveals his religious nature not by asceticism, but by service, not by building monasteries, but by building schools.

God's own spirit he declared to be the guiding spirit. No one has done it all, he said: everyone who has done his little right has helped.

In closing the preacher said: "It is for us to highly resolve that we too, shall have our share in Christ's conquest and God's victory. We shall share with Him the glory of battle. We are sustained with the hope that when the kingdom comes in all its fulness, we shall be bidden to enter into His joy."

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Tennis.

The attention of the college body is again being called to tennis through a resolution drawn up by the managers of the tennis association, to be ratified by the senate, signed by all who will, and presented to the athletic council for passing, that the Trinity College Athletic Association contribute one hundred and twenty-five dollars annually to the support of tennis. This resolution should command universal support for several reasons. The tennis team last year won six out of the eight matches played, defeating both Columbia and Brown and was by far the most successful of Trinity's spring sports. Owing, however, to the small number who joined the tennis association and the expenses incidental with the upkeep of the college courts and the furnishing of guarantees to visiting teams, the association is badly in need of financial support. The players have been obliged to pay their own traveling expenses on all tennis trips. It is obviously unfair for the college's most successful spring sport to receive such poor support. The problem has been solved in other New England colleges as it is proposed to solve it here, namely, by an annual donation from the college athletic association.

Y. M. C. A. VESPER SERVICE.

Professor Perkins Talks on
Ambition.

"Ambition" was the subject of the brief talk which Professor Perkins made at the vesper service Sunday afternoon. Rejecting the theory that ambition is to be unqualifiedly discarded, and that 'contented mediocrity' is laudable as a state of existence, the speaker expressed himself as strongly in favor of ambition as a manly attribute, when along right lines and toward worthy goals. Too many men, particularly geniuses, he said, choose to be ambitious along a line other than that in which their God-given talent lies, and this is a type of wrong ambition. Another wrong type is illustrated by social climbing, and the desire to climb at the expense of others.

The laws which should govern a life of ambitious activity are similar to those which regulate mountain climbing, and the two things are closely analogous. In both we need help and cooperation from our friends. In both a guide is necessary; in life he may be a friend who has trodden the same path or a higher guide, the Saviour. A fundamental and closely observed rule of mountain climbing is not to dislodge stones from the slope, which may roll down upon climbers lower on the mountain. So in life, rivalry is stimulating and praiseworthy, but fairness should prevail and unwillingness to profit at others' expense.

Finally, said Professor Perkins, one should always climb a mountain which reaches into the clouds. Every goal in life should be lofty, and everyone should try to gain spiritual heights, along the line of the great human prototype, Jesus Christ.

The service was conducted by Horace Fort, '14.

Tribulations of a President.

"This," said Doctor Luther, chatting with half-a-dozen students—"This has been an extraordinary afternoon. I had a guest whom I was anxious to impress with the beauties of our college and particularly with the charm and serenity of undergraduate life. We came up toward my office after luncheon; and what do you think happened? It was about two o'clock and most of the men were at their classes. However, we certainly met four students. Three of them were on crutches and the fourth had a discolored eye that looked like a large egg-plant. I got my man inside as soon as possible and found a freshman, with his arm in a sling, waiting for me. Eliminating him I began to talk rapturously about the splendor of the view from the west windows and was interrupted by a student complaining that all the 'sick-excuse blanks' had been used up. Who can contend with the malignantly fortuitous raised to such a degree as this?"

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luck than before. Finally discouraged, he sat down on a bench and contemplated his fate. Just then a friend came up. "How are you going to—?" asked the friend. "I g-g-g-guess I'll g-g-g-go by f-f-f-freight," said the disconsolate one, "I d-d-d-don't seem able to e-e-e-express myself."

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Norwich then kicked off to Trinity, Murray getting the ball for the visitors and running 70 yards for Trinity's one considerable gain. He was downed before crossing the goal line and after rushing the ball a few yards further, it was lost to Norwich on downs. Neither side had further opportunity to score.

Murray played a star game for the "Consolidateds", and only by the ineffectiveness of his interference, which allowed the Norwich players to sift through, was he prevented from making considerable gains. On the defensive his tackling was swift, hard and sure.

The Trinity line-up was as follows: Senay, fb; Gilooly, lh; Murray, rh; Croker, qb; Levine, le; Gray, lt; Dunn, lg; Higgins (Norwich)c; Walsh (Norwich) rg; Young, rt; Colefield re. Referee, L'Heureux, Trinity, '13. Head linesman, Jewett, Trinity ex-'13.

Thanksgiving Service.

At the Thanksgiving Day chapel service, Dr. Luther delivered an address on the "danger of wrong attitude in our Thanksgiving." We were too apt to offer our thanks to God in the same spirit as the Pharisee, he said, expressing our gratitude at not finding ourselves in the same hard circumstances as some others. "Let our Thanksgiving be saddened," he charged, "rather than made more joyful, at the thought of thousands who are continually pinched by poverty. We could give thanks for conditions that enable us to be a blessing to others, both in our individual positions and the position of the nation as a whole, but we should also strive to take advantage of our opportunities in righting wrong wherever it may exist.

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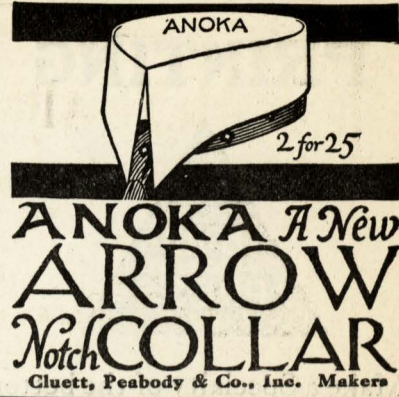


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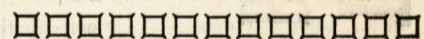
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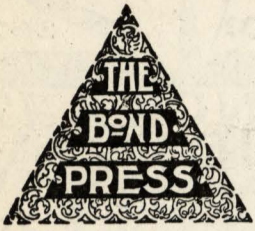
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After careful consideration of the matter, it has been proposed, as one means of arriving at this end, to hold an informal college smoker in connection with each debate. Of course, the question immediately arises as to who shall furnish the "smokes". Each division of the student body could "chip in". As a member of the neutral body I will vouch that that organization would do its share, and it would be up to the rest to do the same. Or, the members of the debating association could do the honors. This is, after all, a question of detail. The main thing is to draw the crowd, keep it busy, and hold debates that will entitle Trinity to take her place in the foremost ranks of the intellectual, as well as the athletic, world.

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