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AFFIRMATIVE DEBATING TEAM LOSES.

Other Debate Postponed.

In the debate with Massachusetts Agricultural College, held last Thursday night, the Trinity team was defeated by a decision of 2-1.

The team was composed of Abraham M. Silverman, '18, Benjamin Silverberg, '18, and F. Paul Easland, '18.

The subject debated was, "Resolved, That Disputes Between Capital and Labor on Interstate Railroads Shall be Settled by the Federal Government."

Owing to the sickness of two members of the negative team, the debate with the Massachusetts Agricultural College affirmative team, which was to have been held in Alumni Hall, Thursday evening, was postponed.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. LUTHER ENTERTAIN SENATE.

The Senate met at President Luther's home Friday evening. The first part of the evening was taken up with a discussion of various undergraduate activities, after which a supper was served. Among the matters discussed was the need for some more satisfactory way of raising money for undergraduate activities than the present system of assessments.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DEAN HART.

There will be a memorial service for Dean Hart at the Church of the Good Shepherd at a quarter to four, Sunday afternoon, March twenty-fifth, at which the Right Reverend E. Campion Acheson, Doctor Storrs O. Seymour, and Doctor John J. McCook will speak. The faculty and undergraduates are invited to attend.

PHI GAMMA DELTA CONVENTION.

New England Section Meets at Williams.

About fifty delegates attended the New England section convention of the Phi Delta Gamma fraternity held under the auspices of the Williams chapter over the last week-end. The convention was opened with a dinner in the Commons room, followed by an address by President Garfield of Williams and a short business meeting. Another business meeting was held in Grace Hall Saturday afternoon, and a banquet was held in the Commons room Saturday evening.

J. E. Griffith, '17, and G. C. Griffith, '18, represented the Tau Alpha chapter.

FRESHMEN WIN SAINT PATRICK'S DAY SCRAP.

Sophomores Overwhelmed.

By raising their flags within thirty seconds after the signal was given for the start of the annual Saint Patrick's Day scrap, the class of 1920 decisively defeated the Sophomore class for the third time this year.

The Freshmen assembled at the Hartford Theatre Friday evening, and about ten o'clock started out to meet their classmates who worked in the various insurance offices.

At the corner of Prospect and Atheneum Streets they met the Sophomores, and things began to happen. With a noise that could probably have been heard for blocks, the classes proceeded to mix things up, and, for a while, the people in the immediate neighborhood of the battle were treated to all the pleasures of a Russian revolution. At last, however, the police decided that enough blood had been shed, and declared a truce. The losses sustained by the Freshmen were slight, only four men having been taken. The Sophomores, however, retreated with thirteen men eliminated.

The Freshmen then amused themselves for the rest of the evening by conducting an advertising campaign, and placed their posters on a large part of the city of Hartford.

Early Saturday morning the rival classes gathered once more on the campus, and the flag rush was held, which resulted in an easy victory for the Freshmen.

CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Professor LeRoy C. Barret will attend the monthly meeting of the New England Classical Association to be held at Amherst, March the thirtieth. In addition to the regular business meeting of the association, a Greek play will be given.

FIRST OF JUNIOR SMOKERS.

Professor Stonex Speaker.

On Friday night, Professor Stonex gave an informal talk to those who attended the Junior Smoker, held in the Union. His subject was, "The Need of a Hobby." He showed the men that everyone should have some kind of work, aside from his particular profession, with which to spend his idle moments.

At the close of the talk, refreshments were served by members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, and all joined in singing.

Owing to the scrap down-town, this meeting was poorly attended, but all who went enjoyed it thoroughly.

SUNDAY SERVICE.

President Luther Preaches.

The brotherhood of man and how men have sought to bring society to that state wherein all are equal was the theme of President Luther's sermon in the college chapel Sunday morning. The brotherhood of man obtains only in theory today, he said, expressing the belief that it can best be actually brought into practice by some form of socialism. But socialism, he said, cannot be applied to society today, for society is not prepared to receive it. To apply it now would be as unwise and as foolish as it would be for a physician to prescribe violent physical exercise for a man afflicted with a dangerous fever. S. Stephen, he said, suffered martyrdom, not because he had introduced a new religion into a community, but because he was aware of the utter inadequacy of the existing social and political conditions and demanded that a new order should arise, one which the people of his time were not prepared to receive.

Today men are changing our political and social conceptions. The rough old doctrine of survival of the fittest, which ruled the thoughts of men for more than fifty years, has been superseded by one which recognizes the value of the human soul. We aim to preserve human life. Great stress is laid upon the care of the sick and the feeble and our jails and penitentiaries have undergone radical reformations. President Luther said he believed that this change had been for the better.

MUSEUM ADDITION.

Professor Holbrooke Sends Cobra Skin.

George O. Holbrooke, '69, many years ago professor of Latin at the college, and now a missionary in India, has recently sent to the museum the skin of a cobra. It is a fine specimen, over six feet long.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the editor of "The Tripod":

I wish to announce in your columns that I have sent to Professor George O. Holbrooke in India, the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75), contributed as follows:

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THE WORK IN INDIA.

Professor Holbrooke, '69, Writes.

Professor George O. Holbrooke, '69, has written the following letter to Professor Perkins, telling of the work in India and of its needs.

Hyderabad, Deccan, India,
February 5, 1917.

Professor Henry A. Perkins,
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.,

Dear Sir:

Thank you for giving us the services of T. Vandanam Jacob, this year. I thanked you once before, but I did not realize then that it was to be a year of plague and bitter affliction. I should like you so to meet him, with his noble face and calm, dignified ways. He comes of good people. His father is a Telugu Moody, rousing, stirring, appealing, with his thundering eloquence. His brother was my dear friend Josiah, who died rescuing a man from cholera. Vandanam is calm, reasonable, watchful, unselfish; the very image of a good physician. Perfectly unflinching in his watchful and kindly devotion, he is welcome at every sick bed, and a right hand to Dr. Taylor in his work of delivering this sad land from the black veil of death and pestilence which covers its face. Vandanam has two rooms down at the dispensary, with a good wife and four fine children to support on his five dollars a month, to which you have been so kindly contributing. Caste breaks India's heart, and cuts away all reasonable remuneration. It was here before us, but the shackles are falling from India's sad hands. Was it not Isaiah who said that when the Messiah came a man should be worth more than the gold of Ophir? We are slowly struggling toward the day when the bars of iron shall be hewn in sunder, and meantime, the hospital is at least a home of brethren, where the little living rooms stand along their veranda with its flowers, where the wives gather their little ones in the cheerful day nursery, and where Mrs. Taylor, serene, cheerful, never absent nor thinking of herself, is the soul of it all, and a second mother to every child. The hospital is completed, and a fountain of health. Vandanam was showing me, yesterday, a boy with a crushed leg, who would have been a cripple for life before the hospital came; the eyes are saved by the hatful from ophthalmia when the mother is weeding rice, and the flies crust over the baby's eyes. Cholera is saved from collapse and plague from buboes in the straw shacks yonder, which can be burned down after every patient, and infection prevented. The dead of the plague are burned, to avoid deadly maggots and tearing wolves. The village allowed us to acquire acres of

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

In this time of threatened war, Trinity should reassert her traditional patriotism. The alumni and undergraduates can do their part individually, but Trinity should do something as a college, and one of the most obvious things to do is to offer the government the use of the college buildings and grounds for barrack or hospital purposes in case of emergency. Colleges and universities of the countries now engaged in war are being extensively used for these purposes. There will doubtless be similar needs if this country is drawn in, and it is the duty of all American colleges and universities to assure the government of their intention to help in this way in which they can give such valuable aid.

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ground on the very hilltop we wanted, though their experienced eyes foresaw epidemics; but the hospital has stood between them and infection, and the generosity has not been abused. The hospital stands on its ridge, a landmark for miles around. The government has been generous in granting serum, and it is a rest of mind to be immune. Dr. Taylor has inoculated nearly three thousand, himself, or by his assistants and pastors. The lame walk, the blind see, the dead (plague is almost as bad) are raised, the lepers (alas the sores!) are cleansed, and, greatest of all, to the poor the gospel is preached. Hospital hill is the best pulpit of the mission. The pastors are taught to inoculate, and the good work goes out and on. One pastor buried thirteen plague cases in a night, and it has been going on ever since; "in weariness and painfulness." His wife is as good a doctor as he, and the fine boys are here at school; images of himself in duty and devotion, foundations for another generation. These boys of the pastors salt the school with self-sacrifice and devotion, and are a great influence for good. In spite of bare feet and legs I do not know a better school in America for the development of character. Mr. Morgan rouses their emulation, and Mr. Chinnappa is a Telugu Arnold, a sculptor of character. We certainly need men and good men, too, with this flood of souls pouring in. B. C. Ramayya, of whom I spoke above, reports six hundred instructed and ready for baptism, and two thousand asking for instruction. It would not be just or reasonable to baptize these illiterate souls, in heathen communities, without serious preparation, and without a pastor in every three or four villages. They think the plague is the stroke of Kali, the death goddess (the Scandinavian Hela, with "h" for "k"; and, like her, half livid and half black; in other words, the bloody moon of the eclipse, half red, half shadowed; for how many ages has that allegory haunted the human race! Calcutta is just Kali's ghat, the burying place of infected corpses. She especially presides over livid, mottled smallpox, and has kinky hair like the pre-Aryan races). When the worst of the plague was on us, the people (not the Christians,) began the old crowded funerals and pilgrimages, which are perfectly deadly. Mr. Parker toured among the villages, explaining, entreating, and finally prevailed; and where there were no quarantines the people gathered in crowds and heard him gladly. Just as he came home the monsoon stopped and people could get out into the sun. Since then, things have improved, and, as I wrote you about Ramayya, there are new bonds of confidence and regard, between people and pastors. The school and the Bible school are doing splendid work, but, do their best, they can hardly turn out pastors enough to meet the demand of the new converts. The Bible school men live on five cents a day and are a wonderful set of men; filled with the missionary spirit;

starving, if only they may give the bread of life to others. They are sent up to the school by their pastors, and are men who have already manifested power and devotion. They have one of our most devout and gifted men as a teacher, attend the chapel services, and hear all the best preachers who visit us. They have the kindest, most devoted spirit, and are always an example to us. If they are married, their wives come and learn to be devoted Bible women. We have had 3,600 baptisms, this year, and here are Ramayya's 2,600 new men. The Word of God does spread, and the power comes. And, whatever comes, comes to last; people never go back, though, like us, few can live up to it. We have had a beautiful, dry sunny winter, as we always do. Yesterday it rained a little, and all were filled with dismay, for all are out in the shacks, with no real protection, and there is great suffering; but today is perfect again. Please think of us for good. I doubt whether there is any corner of the world where money goes farther. If only it were possible to receive and instrust, what a host of Christians there would be.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,

GEORGE O. HOLBROOKE.

P. S.—A boy brought in a cobra skin six feet long, the other day, and I am getting it tanned for the College Museum.

VESPER SERVICE.

Doctor McCook was the speaker at the vesper service Sunday afternoon.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

The importance of baseball in the list of college sports is shown by the steadily increasing number of games scheduled each year by the various college and university teams of the different sections of the country. In no other branch of intercollegiate competition is so much activity crowded into a few weeks of play, as in the baseball season.

Nor is the play confined to any particular section or group of states, as college baseball teams now make long intersectional, or transcontinental trips, playing game after game with various varsity nines en-route. No better example of this feature of the sport need be cited than the trip to be made by the Stanford University team this spring, which will bring the California players as far east as New York.

The total number of games played by college teams throughout the United States each season runs into thousands, although there is no way in which to reach an accurate record in this respect. Some idea of the number of contests scheduled, however, may be gathered from the fact that more than 600 games will be played by the leading college teams of the New England and Middle Atlantic states this spring.

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University during his lifetime. In his will he bequeathed \$500,000 additional to the university.

Dartmouth College students will have a course in military training for the remainder of the academic year, as a result of the unanimous vote of the faculty, which was made public tonight.

The Harvard Glee Club was the winner at the fourth annual Inter-collegiate Glee Club contest held recently in Carnegie Hall, New York City. The Princeton Club took second place. The six other colleges which competed were Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Penn State, Amherst, and Dartmouth.

Professor Scott Nearing, whose pacific utterances in regard to the present situation with Germany have been the subject of much hostile comment, has resigned his chair of economics in Toledo University.

In view of the present food shortage throughout the country, Berea College, Ky., has established a course in mountain agriculture in order to aid in the development of the hilly region in which it is located.

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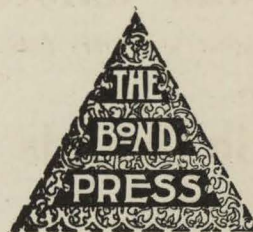
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The mysteries within unfold;
Curtains of crimson, purple, blue,
Radiant in every sacred hue,
Rustle in splendor and rehearse
The glory of the universe.

Nature is silent; not a bird
Of keenest heart and hope is heard;
No throbbing of the deep monsoon
Disturbs the air with fitful tune;
The halcyon quiet calmly lays
Its hand upon yon harp of praise.
Yet hearken! There, within, once
more

The angels' lips their music pour,
John's musings of the universe
And David's prophecies rehearse.
Listen! to unseen lutes and drums
It comes! the great procession
comes!

Guests of each passing year and time,
Thronging with steps august, sub-
lime,

The laurelled heroes of our race
And nameless martyrs, pace by
pace,

From every age, from every land,
March foot by foot and hand in
hand,

As when of old in Sarah's womb
Great nations struggled to their
doom—

Esau, impetuous, noble, wild,
The ancient desert's lofty child;
Jacob, with aspirations higher,
Of manhood's right and freedom's
fire;

So now God's solemn, changeless will
Brings generations to fulfill
His purpose, and His great design
Is strangely wrought in nature's
shrine.

Help us, O Lord, to know Thy power,
Our little span, thy awful hour,
Thy mighty voice and summons hear
And hail with joy thy great New
Year.

—George O. Holbrooke, '69.

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