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BASKET BALL TO-NIGHT

The basket-ball team will play the Adelphi A. C. five in the gymnasium to-night at 8 o'clock. The team will line up as follows: Forwards, Captain Powell and Duffee; center, Landefeld; guards, Madden and Pond. The Adelphi's have an excellent record, and as it is the first home game of our team, the entire student body should turn out to support it.

CHAPEL QUESTION.

Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.,
January 18, 1905.

To the Editor of The Trinity Tripod:

Dear Sir: I read with mingled indignation and amusement the communication relating to compulsory chapel, written so forcibly by "Hodiernus," and appearing in your last issue. Truly, the writer is both a wit and a philosopher. Indeed, so logical are his remarks that he surely must be of the class which is even now pursuing the study of logic. Certainly he is not a Senior, for even granting that chapel is a burden almost too intolerable to carry, those of 1905 are too philosophical to worry about such a thing at so late a date; or, maybe, it is some Senior endeavoring to liberate his fellow-students and to have them reap the benefit of his labors in future years.

But to get down to the serious matter. There may be good reasons why there should not be compulsory chapel, but the "long-winded" letter of recent date stated none of them. Lest those who read your paper should believe that we all are opposed to compulsory chapel (the daily public worship of our Maker), I hasten to reply.

What are the reasons advanced by our sage and philosopher? He asks: "Wherein does the advantage lie in profaning the sacred service of the church in order to accomplish the purely secular purpose of bringing the student body together at least once a day,"

Can he, does he believe that such is the purpose of conducting chapel service daily and compelling the students to attend a certain number of times each week?

It certainly is not. The opening of our daily college work with a short service of prayer and thanksgiving may not rightly affect and benefit some of the undergraduates, but truly it seems to me from observance that there are those who do receive spiritual benefits from it. If it benefits but one person, surely it is worth continuing even then.

With the religious side comes also the argument sneered at by the writer: that of bringing the undergraduates closer together. Trinity is most unfortunate in having no common meeting ground for its students. There is no common, no large loafing

room—in fact, no place in which they can gather and discuss common matters. Instead, the men are naturally attracted to places where they can enjoy the companionship of their fellow students, and after all, even our friend Hodiernus must admit that the social side of college life is of inestimable benefit to the college student. The result is that here at Trinity we undergraduates hie ourselves to the fraternity houses or down into the city, where we can be companionable and discuss mutual affairs. Chapel, in a way, very slightly overcomes this defect. Once a day it brings the men together and it is a poor sort of man, indeed, who does not enjoy the few minutes in which we are gathered together around the entrance to chapel discussing college affairs. Truly, the agony endured during the few minutes he is in chapel should be fully compensated for by the companionship enjoyed both before and after chapel. I am sure that most of the alumni will agree with me when I say that they look back upon such moments as very pleasant ones.

Again, the service is not so long but that even those who like it not can endure it, and if they will put the true manly spirit, which every Trinity student should have in him, into the service which is expected of every Christian, they will even enjoy it.

The writer asks: "In this age of freedom of thought, what advantage is gained by forcing a man to attend divine service against his will?" Is Hodiernus a regularly matriculated student? If so, did he not promise "to observe the Statutes of Trinity College; to obey all its rules and regulations"? Did he not know when he signed this promise that attendance at chapel was required? If he knew it, then he should not say he is "forced to attend divine service against his will." There are colleges (few, perhaps, 'tis true), where attendance at divine service is not required. If such attendance is so distasteful to him, why did he not go elsewhere? We believe that Trinity offers enough other advantages to offset this odious (?) compulsory chapel attendance.

The college may, and does, appreciate whatever efforts Hodiernus may be making towards advancing its name and fame, but it cannot take them into account in dealing with him when he violates one of the "rules and regulations" which he voluntarily agreed to obey.

To come down to the whole trouble, Mr. Editor, it seems to me that the big objection to compulsory chapel is that there are certain men in this college who dislike to leave their "downy cots," and who dislike anything that compels them so to do. Chapel attendance compels them to arise 15 minutes earlier than they otherwise would arise if there was no such chapel requirement. The result is easy to see—such men dislike chapel.

I think even Hodiernus narrows it down to this point when he says, "he overslept chapel too many times." Tired out and sleepy, he hadn't the strength of young manhood to arise 15 minutes earlier in order to attend chapel. For truly, he has only 15 minutes more sleep, for, unless he be a Senior, he has at least four of the six days taken up with 9 o'clock recitations. Perhaps, if he explained to the class officer, he might be allowed an additional chapel cut, and so gain an hour's sleep on each of the mornings of Tuesday and Friday, provided he has no recitations at that time. Truly to be pitied is the man who cannot exert enough will power to arise 15 minutes earlier than he really desires. Such men are not wanted at Trinity or anywhere else on this earth where action and will power are demanded.

I have written more than I had planned, Mr. Editor, and hope you will pardon my "long-windedness." I do not think the other letter warrants such a long reply, but it is my desire to place my fellow students in the proper light before those who read your paper that has led me to write to such a length. Do not think, Mr. Editor, that I am one who intends to "take orders" later. Rather, I am an ordinary, every-day layman and expect to remain so during my entire life. My reasons for replying are given above. Hodiernus may be doing much for Trinity, but he cannot help it by writing foolish letters against compulsory chapel. There may be reasons against such kind of chapel, although I have as yet to hear them. Perhaps someone may enlighten me on the subject.

If, however, there are such reasons, and it is some day decided to abolish compulsory chapel, I hope and pray that such time will not come until some kind friend of Trinity and lover of young American manhood will see fit to give to our college that which, it seems to me, we most need—a "college home," where we undergraduates can eat together, can meet together, can, indeed, come together on all occasions, and which will in a measure keep us here in college and not draw us away, thus scattering our forces. This and this only can, even in the least, take the place of compulsory chapel.

Hoping you will pardon the length of my letter, and that you will find room to publish it, I remain, ever wishing your paper success,

Most faithfully yours,

"TRINITY TRUE."

Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.,
January 19, 1905.

To the Editor of the Trinity Tripod:

Dear Mr. Editor: May I join my voice of protest with that of Hodiernus. "Hody" is all to the good, to speak in real modern English.

Once I dreamed a dream. I dreamed that I went to a college

where anybody was fired from college if he attended chapel. Alas! dear Editor, it was only a dream.

However, enough of this; I would speak of other things. I have long had it on my mind that we under dogs, I mean under-grads, ought to send one of our worthiest minds to represent us at the festive board of every alumni dinner which takes place.

Of course, I realize that there might be some necessity of an invitation on our part, but I fancy this is no insurmountable difficulty. In fact, if I am not much misinformed, the Alumni would welcome one from the younger fold of Trinity men with open arms.

As far as I have been able to discover, our good friends who have left these sacred walls only in body have no way, oftentimes, of receiving direct news of the simple life now extant at Trinity College.

Without more ado, let me suggest a definite step in my plan. I submit to you that we find out when our New York Alumni have their next banquet; and then, if they do not object, that we choose and send one of our under-graduate body to such dinner, either with or without instructions, as the case may be.

If such a system were in vogue we could bring, among other things, the objection against compulsory chapel vividly before the alumni. After all the alumni is the power that wields the scepter, and we are lucky in having such excellent scepter-bearers.

Au revoir, dear sir, I wish you just as much prosperity as friend "Hody," albeit I cannot so well express it.

R. N.

1906 Ivy Notice.

The Managing Editors of the Ivy request that the members of the Junior class hand in their subscriptions, as resolved by the class, as soon as possible, to meet present expenses. All members of the college are invited to contribute views, snapshots, drawings, literary material, and ideas to make the book a good one. Juniors, hand your photographs to the managers at once. If you have none, find out from the managers how you can get your picture taken at specially reduced rates.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Announcement is made that Charles Digby Wardlaw, ex-1907, was married in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Christmas day, 1904.

Tablet Prize Awarded.

At a meeting of the Tablet Board on Tuesday evening, the prize of five dollars offered to the member of the Freshman class writing the best story was awarded to Raymond Jewett Maplesden, Jr., of New York city. The prize story will appear in the next issue of The Tablet.

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Editorial Comment.

THINK OF THE EFFECT.

During the past few days much amusement has been caused among certain men in college over a proposed "Freshmen Prom". The name probably being chosen to cast reflection upon the class and to allow the prime movers to remain in the background. As planned the affair will be a disgrace to we undergraduates as a whole, to Trinity and to Trinity dances, especially the coming Junior Prom. We undergraduates as a body dare not, and do not want to have the people of Hartford think we recognize such an affair as the "Freshmen Prom." promises to be as the act of the undergraduates. The college has a most excellent reputation in Hartford and is once more popular with its citizens,—thanks to our honored President,—and we must not in any way do anything to forfeit the respect of the people of Hartford. Trinity dances and promenades have won a most enviable reputation.

It is our opinion that the instigators of this affair should immediately give it up for the sake of the college. Their true college spirit and calm reflection will assure them that it will be a mistake, an insult to the college and a slur on the fair name of Trinity.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

We wish to deny most emphatically the statement that a member of the Tripod Board of Editors wrote the letter in regard to compulsory chapel, which was printed in the last issue of the paper. The letter was not written by a member of our Board of Editors, nor will the Tripod editorially enter into any discussion of the question at the present time. The columns of the paper are open to anyone who desires to discuss this or any other question of interest to the college body. That there are two sides to the compulsory chapel question no

one can doubt, and according to sentiments expressed concerning the letter above mentioned, the question seems to be a live one. A full discussion of it will be of interest.

A College Matter.

In another column appears a notice from the 1906 Ivy Board asking for assistance from the college body towards making the 1906 Ivy a success, and one worthy of the college. It has been the general custom to make the Ivy a class affair, and to place the success or failure of the book upon the class and the board of editors. Every man in college should realize that this publishing of an annual giving a summary of a year's life at Trinity is a college matter, and has been placed in the control of a class to expedite matters. If the book is a good one it will reflect credit more upon the college than the class; it is a most excellent means of placing the college in a most favorable light before the public. If it is a failure, then those who see it think the college is a "one-horse" place.

It rests with the undergraduates whether the book will redound to Trinity's credit or to her discredit. Every man who knows any way by means of which the book can be improved, let him confer with members of the board. Do not let your class spirit overcome your college spirit, but instead do all you can towards making the 1906 Ivy one in which you can take pride as a true Trinity man.

The Inauguration Number.

Owing to unavoidable delays in compiling, the inauguration number has not been published as advertised, but the editors now have the material all in and the book will probably be published in about three weeks. It will consist of about 400 pictures of graduates and about 100 scenes of the college, including interior views, and particularly some new pictures of athletic field and so forth. Among the articles contained in the book will be a detailed account of inauguration proceedings, including the speeches, a short history and description of the college by a graduate, "Trinity Men in Literary Life," by Prof. Johnson; "Trinity Men in Athletics," by Kent Hubbard, and illustrative articles on the Natural History, Chemistry and Physics departments by the professors in charge of these, together with some selected articles.

Intercollegiate Notes.

Boston A. A. meet at Mechanics hall, Boston, February 11.
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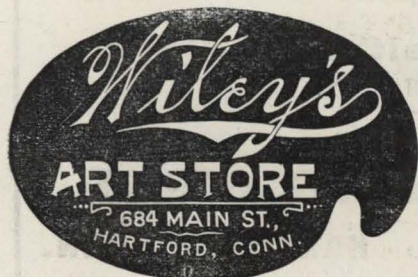
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The committee appointed to raise funds to preserve Old Brick Row on the Yale campus, announces that \$15,000 has been raised. This sum will insure its preservation. The building will be repaired early in the spring, the plan being to restore the roof to its original form.

We are informed that the next issue of the Trinity Tablet will contain the following joke-query, composed by its most brilliant wit: "What is the difference between the college of cardinals at Rome and the Pope Mfg. Co.?"

The University of Chicago has discarded the doxology in its chapel services. Their college song, "Alma Mater," will be used in its place.

Chicago, Minnesota and several other of the most prominent western colleges have adopted rules forbidding a freshman from participating in athletics until after they have completed their first half-year satisfactorily.

Hamilton and the College of the City of New York will debate on the question, "Resolved, that U. S. Senators should be elected by direct vote of the people."

"We are very glad to add the 'Trinity Tripod' to our list of exchanges. The Tripod is new this year, but, nevertheless, it is better than many older papers."—The Critic.

The above notice, together with several of similar nature in regard to the "Tablet" would seem to indicate the favorable reception of Trinity's papers by those who read them.

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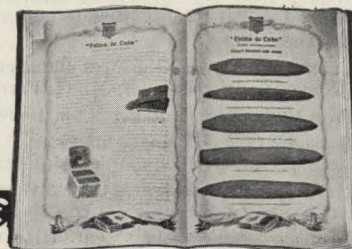
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