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A LETTER FROM CHINA

Needs of a Trinity Man Doing Missionary Work There.

Hankow, China, Feb. 6, 1905.

To the Secretary, Trinity College Missionary Society, Hartford, Conn., U. S. A.

My Dear Sir:—When I wrote you, several weeks ago, thanking you for your help in our Kinkiang work, I had no idea that I should be writing again so soon about another way in which my college society can help me. I am emboldened to write because of a sentence in a letter from Mr. John Wood of the mission house, quoted from Mr. Roberts' letter to him, saying, "the sum sent the latter part of September is the amount which we raised to help Mr. Littell. I hope we can raise more this winter, but can make no guarantee." It is because of that hope, which is here expressed, and because of my hope that you will continue to help, that I am writing. The help you have given has cleared off the Kinkiang debt. Now, I seek your co-operation in a matter which is almost a repetition of the Kinkiang enterprise. Did that interest you? Then this will. What appealed to you in the Kinkiang purchase, made to grasp a passing opportunity—made in faith that the church would stand behind us? Was it the need? or the fact that it was our first and only work in a new province? Was it the success which has attended the work there from the beginning, which kept us constantly outgrowing our rented quarters? Then I have a repetition of all of these particulars in the case now before us, namely, Changsha. When I was transferred to Hankow, I gave up Kinkiang and took on (in addition to other work—enough for three men!) Changsha, the capital of the next province south of us—Husan. This is our first and as yet only work in that province of twenty-five millions. We have not been there over two and a half years, but we have a strong work, requiring a native priest, a catechist and two school teachers, with schools for boys and girls. Among our adherents are all classes of the people—a larger proportion than usual of the sons of literati, and officials being noticeable. One is the son of the famous Chou Han, who stirred up the worst anti-Christian outbreak the Yangtse has known, in 1891, by the publication of most scurrilous and blasphemous pictures, which he sent broadcast through these provinces. One son has already been baptised, while studying in Japan—and this only 13 years after the fierce attack of his father against Christ and His church. Another young man is the descendant of the greatest general who opposed the Taiping rebels, in 1850—who saved Changsha and Husan from their hands, and who is now sacrificed to, in Changsha, at the spring and winter solstices, each year. A third adherent is the son or grandson of General Tso, the great suppressor of the Mohamedan riots in the west of China, who is worshipped along with their ancestors, in every family in Husan. Besides, two high teachers in government schools have become catechists and have brought eleven of their scholars to the same point. One Sunday, about six weeks ago, sixteen government teachers came to church, with 170 of their pupils, by appointment, and stayed through the whole day, attending services, and keeping Mr. Hwang, the

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Reforms to be Voted Upon Next Tuesday.

The Athletic Association will have a special meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock in the Latin room, when additional rules regulating the wearing of the college letters will be voted upon. These rules have been drawn up by the executive committee of the association, and it is following their approval that they will be presented to the association for final action. The rules are:

"All college letters must in old gold on a blue sweater, jersey, coat or cap. All men who have won their T shall be entitled to wear a 5x4 inch T on a coat or jersey."

The following amendments to the constitution of the association, also adopted by the executive committee, will be laid before the association:

"The football jersey shall consist of a dark blue jersey, with a two-inch old gold stripe just below the elbow.

"The baseball jersey shall consist of a dark blue jersey with three-eighths inch stripes, two inches apart on the sleeves.

"The football jersey shall consist of a dark blue jersey with a two inch old gold stripe just below the elbow.

"The track uniform shall consist of a white sleeveless jersey, with an old gold and blue sash one and three-quarters of an inch wide, running from the right shoulder diagonally across the front. The pants shall be white running pants with a dark blue stripe, an inch and a half wide, running down each side.

"The football stockings shall be dark blue, with a two-inch old gold stripe around the calf.

"The baseball stocking shall be dark blue with three-eighths inch old gold stripes, two inches apart.

"The football and baseball uniforms shall be worn only by men who have played one full game.

"The track uniform shall be worn only by men who have competed in an intercollegiate meet."

BASKETBALL SEASON.

Now that the 'varsity basketball team has concluded its games for this season a review of the results is interesting. The team has had a successful season, in spite of the fact that only two of the men had ever played on a Trinity 'varsity team before. There were ten men who played in the different games. They are, Captain Powell, who played in 8 games; Landefeld, eight; Marlor, six; Madden, seven; Duffee, seven; Bowne, five; Chamberlain, three; Stevens, two; Bulkeley, one, and Pond, one. The team played nine games, winning five of these. Five of the games were home games and the only one lost in our gym. was the game with Syracuse. The total number of points scored by Trinity was 260 and by her opponents, 263. The team improved steadily toward the end of the season, getting better and better as they played more together.

None of the men graduate this June and with the advantage of this year's experience, next year's team should equal those of any of the large universities.

The largest individual score was made by Landefeld.

The Yale-Princeton football game next fall will be on Nov. 18 (New Haven), and the Yale-Harvard game will be on November 25 (Boston).

DEBATING CLUB.

Sophomores and Freshmen to Debate Rutgers May 19.

The Debating Club will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the history room to plan the work for the term. After the business meeting there will be an informal debate on the question "Resolved, that an increase in the power and influence of the American trade union would further the best interests of the country."

All underclassmen who have any interest in debating should be present, as the club intends to hold an open meeting Thursday, April 6, in which a team from the sophomore class will debate against a team of freshmen. The subject will be allied to that of the Rutgers debate so that the practice will be of value to those trying for the team. Let everyone be present Thursday to settle the details. If anyone is unable to come Thursday, but wishes to try for this debate, he should notify an officer of the club. Visitors are welcome at all meetings.

The Rutgers Debate.

The debate with Rutgers College will be held in Alumni Hall, Friday evening, May 19, on the subject, "Resolved, that workingmen who refuse to join a trade union act in furtherance of the best interests of the country."

This question was submitted by Trinity, and Rutgers wishes to defer choosing which side to uphold. Their decision will be announced later.

Meanwhile, the subject will be studied here by holding weekly debates on Thursday evenings on subdivisions of the question.

A list of books and periodicals has been posted in the library, and many volumes will be found on a special shelf. These will be added to later, and the board there will be used for debating club notices.

The full schedule of meetings and subjects will soon be announced. Professor Kleene or the officers will give any additional particulars.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

At present the college letter is won by being a regular player on a college team and a man's class numerals by being on a class team. For the men on the scrubs there is no reward except a good conscience in the matter. Now, these men on the scrub do far more for the college and hence for their class than the members of the class teams. We all know what a farce these class teams are and what little work they represent. Would it not be well for the present classes in college to hand over their right to give their class numerals to the regular members of the college teams. For instance, with such a right given them the men who won their college letters during a past football season could meet and award their class numerals to the men who came out regularly for the scrub and always worked hard. It might be well to have a three-fourths vote of the regular team's men necessary for such awards. If such were the case the class numerals would amount to something (which they do not at present) and this would certainly raise the value of the college letter and also increase the dignity of the classes.

Let us hope that this may prove a satisfactory solution of how to reward the men on the scrubs.

CLASS NUMERALS.

COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Week of March 12-18.

Sunday, 12th—7:45 A. M., holy communion in the chapel.

5 P. M., Musical vesper service in the chapel.

Monday, 13th—8:45 A. M., test in sophomore religious studies.

1:30 P. M., meeting of the Press Club in the Latin room.

6:45, Brotherhood of St. Andrew in 19 Northam.

7:30, Missionary Society in the Latin room.

Tuesday, 14th—1:30 P. M., meeting of the Athletic Association in the Latin room.

3 P. M., test in history IV.

Wednesday, 15th—12 M., lecture by Mr. Burpee on "Current Events" in the history room.

Thursday, 16th—9:45 A. M., Meeting of the Hartford High School Club in the Latin room.

1:30 P. M., special meeting of the executive committee of the Athletic Association in 9 Jarvis.

7 P. M., important meeting of the Debating Club in the history room.

Friday, 17th—St. Patrick's Day—10 A. M., first report in history III due.

11 A. M., History I test.

Saturday, 18th—10 A. M., baseball and track practice.

1:45 P. M., rehearsal of the Peaucatic Club in Alumni Hall.

Events common for week days, Saturday excepted.

Five-minute service in chapel, 12 o'clock noon.

Baseball practice, 3:30 P. M.

Track practice, 4 P. M.

EDITORIAL.

We publish in this issue a letter from a Trinity man who is doing missionary work in the heart of China. The letter explains itself, but we may add that the writer of it is one of the three Trinity men who are doing missionary work in China. The other two are Rev. John W. Nichols, '99, who is stationed at Loochan, and Rev. Allen R. Van Meter, '99, who is at Hankow.

At a special meeting of the Trinity College Missionary Society on Thursday evening, it was voted to exert every effort in assisting Mr. Littell to raise the sum of money for which he is personally responsible. The plan pursued will be similar to that which was followed last year when a circular letter was sent out to the alumni, which yielded about \$223, which was sent to Mr. Littell. This year the society will issue another letter setting forth the needs of Mr. Littell in his new enterprise, and it is hoped that every Trinity man will accept the opportunity offered to help a fellow Trinity man who is giving his life in such a cause. In addition to the sending forth of this letter, special missionary services are to be arranged in Hartford and adjacent towns, the offertory at which will go to swell the fund.

A committee has been appointed to take charge of this matter, and it will soon send out the letter. This committee consists of Rev. John T. Huntington, '50, Rev. James Goodwin, '86, Rev. Ernest deF. Miel, '88, W. Blair Roberts, 1905, Harry Huet, 1906, and Gerald A. Cunningham, 1907.

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ATHLETIC REFORMS.

Next week the executive committee of the Athletic Association will set before a meeting of the association, especially called for that purpose, several new measures regulating the wearing of the college letters and the uniforms of the several athletic teams. That these measures should go into force we consider a necessity. The wearing of a blue T on white and gray sweaters is getting to be altogether too common. The college letter means nothing unless worn in the college colors.

The custom of the management of the various athletic teams changing the uniforms from year to year, to suit their own fancies is also becoming too common. This is especially noticeable in the case of the track and football teams, which in the past few years have adopted new uniforms with a tiresome regularity.

The assent of two-thirds of the entire membership of the association is necessary to pass these measures, and we therefore appeal to every member to be present at the meeting next Tuesday afternoon and express his opinions on the subjects under consideration.

In addition to drawing up these rules the executive committee has voted to recommend informally to the "Ivy" board and to the college body that only men should be put down as members of the teams who have won their letters; also that only men who have won their letters shall appear in photographs of teams, unless they fall short of the required number of men, in which case the matter shall be left to the discretion of the management of the teams. The wisdom of these recommendations may be clearly seen.

Hereafter, also, instead of the managers of the teams directly appointing their second assistant managers, they must submit their nominations for these offices to the executive committee of the association for approval, after which the nominations will go into effect.

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS.

High Standmen in Class of 1905
Announced.

The faculty has announced the senior appointments as follows:

First appointment, with valedictory,
Edmund Samuel Carr of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Second appointment, with oration,
Walter Beech Sherwood of Hartford
Third appointment, with salutatory,
Carlos Eugene Jones of Independence,
Iowa.

The announcement of these appointments has caused no surprise among the undergraduates, as Carr and Sherwood have divided the Holland scholarship, for highest standing in the class every year since they have been in College. All three men made Phi Beta Kappa last year. Carr prepared for college at the high school, St. Johnsbury, Vt., Sherwood graduated among the first in his class at Hartford high school, and Jones received his early training at the Shattuck school, Faribault, Minn. He served with an Iowa regiment during the Spanish-American war, and saw service in Cuba.

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priest, telling about Christianity for over two hours. I could tell you more, but must get to the point. Imagine our astonishment when a Buddhist priest known to us as the abbot of the chief monastery in Changsha, came and offered to secure for us a splendid property in the heart of the city, for a moderate price, saying that he supposed we wanted to become permanently settled, and could not do so until we had our own property. He controls much property, and took us to see several available places. We liked one especially, as it was large enough for many years' growth, and as the houses on it are in good condition, and suited to our needs better than most native houses. The abbot gave us a limited time in which to consider the proposition. I knew this was a real chance, for he was doing it out of friendliness, and his price was very reasonable—but I had no funds available for the purchase. This worried me particularly, because prices are fairly leaping up in Changsha for two reasons. First, the city has become a treaty port, like Hankow and Shanghai, and foreign business firms are rushing in to make trade and gobbling up all the land they can, and secondly, the city is on the line of the new Canton-Hankow railroad (now, happily, under American control) and is sure to be a great commercial center. In my perplexity I wrote to Bishop Roots, asking what I should do, suggesting that I borrow, and seize the opportunity while prices are down. He has written from America that he will stand behind me, if I borrow the necessary money, but wants me to raise it as I did for the Kinkiang purchase. After full consideration, I have just decided to do so—to borrow, to buy, to beg! And now, I am at it. I turn to you, who helped me so generously last year and ask you to fulfil the wishes of your secretary (?) who wrote "I hope we can raise more this winter."

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Can you blame me for taking the opportunity? Is my confidence in the friends of the China mission misplaced? Not a bit of it. I have done the thing it was right to do, and I feel sure you and others will help me. There was no other way to do it, for the board has no fund for making new work, only for supporting existing work. From a business point of view, even, it was the right thing. From a spiritual standpoint, it will have great and lasting good for the church in China. I beg your prayers and interest, that God will make the Changsha work rich in blessing, fruitful in men, women and children saved through His Son, living witnesses to His love and power among the heathen around them. With sincere greetings, I am

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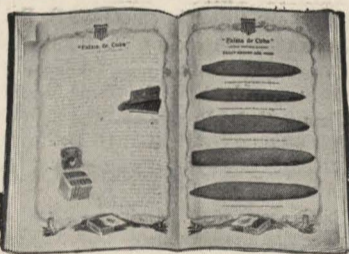
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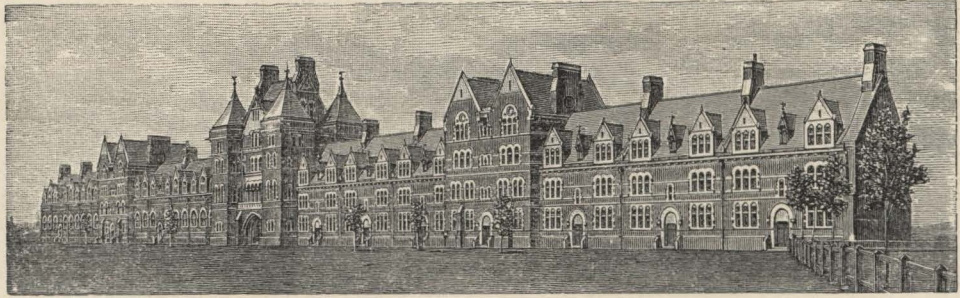
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