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A Floating Laboratory

For the Department of Natural History of Trinity College.

Most important study and research in Natural History has for some time been devoted to the investigation of the apparently unlimited and infinitely varied animal life of the ocean. There are several causes which have compelled this study of marine forms.

1. There is a wide range of animal life in the ocean, which is now generally believed to have been the original home of all the living things of the earth.

2. The ocean not only affords a wide range of forms, but furnishes them within a smaller area than either the land or fresh water.

3. Problems of embryology, physiology, the distribution of forms, and the relation of organisms to their environment, can be studied upon organisms in the ocean with great economy of material and effort.

4. Not only problems of pure science have been dealt with in this way in recent years but practical and economic questions have been solved in oyster and lobster culture and the increase of food fishes and sponges.

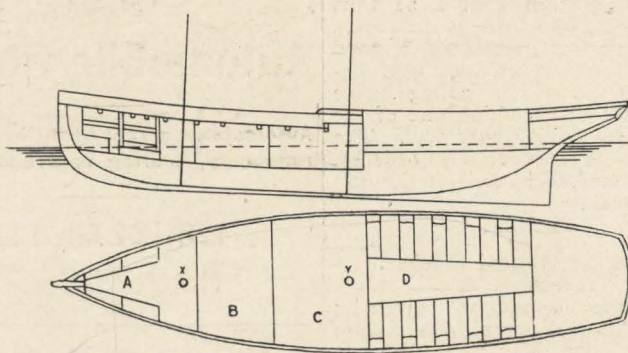
5. In biology much of hope and inspiration for the future are now centered upon the ocean, which is so boundless in the material offered that all that has been done seems scarcely a beginning.

The usual way of conducting investigations in the ocean is by stations on the coast where biological students and investigators work in summer time. Such stations are now found at various points in the United States and Europe. The most notable in this country are at Woods Holl, Massachusetts, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, Beaufort, North Carolina, The Tortugas and Pacific Grove, California. Among the most noted deep-sea expeditions are the voyages of the Blake, the Albatross, the Beagle, the Challenger, and the Valdivia, and the records of their investigations and discoveries fill many volumes. Such expeditions have usually been made under the authority and with the financial aid of government. The United States Fish Commission keeps several vessels engaged in this work the year around.

A vessel, equipped with suitable apparatus, moving from place to place in the ocean, would furnish the most favorable facilities for comparative studies upon marine animals. The advantages of such a floating laboratory are obvious.

It is proposed, therefore, to raise money among friends of Trinity to buy a strong sea-worthy schooner. Such a vessel, practically as good as new, can be bought second hand for about \$2,000. To build one would cost at least \$5,000. Buying is preferable to chartering and will be cheaper in the long run, because the schooner must be used every summer, and to charter a fresh vessel every year would involve great trouble and waste of valuable time in looking for one, and every year the cost of altering and re-fitting for the laboratory would be this country are at various points through with anew.

A suitable vessel once found and purchased would be equipped with the necessary permanent biological, chemical, physical, and photographic laboratories. She would have on board the best sounding machine, thermometers, dredges, trawls, tangles, intermediate and surface tow nets, with winding engine and reel for abysmal



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In the early summer the vessel would sail to some sub-tropical island, cast anchor in a protected harbor, and within a few minutes be transformed into a stationary laboratory, fitted for more or less extended embryological and physiological research. After a month or more in the sub-tropics the vessel would weigh anchor for the cruise northward, making a harbor every hundred miles or so for the purpose of getting material for comparative studies. Such an opportunity is invaluable to one who is making a quantitative study of variation in some species of wide range.



PROF. C. L. EDWARDS.

In going to a new region each summer large collections for class-study and research can be made year after year. A supply department would enable other institutions and individuals to obtain needed material, fixed and preserved as desired, and thus the usefulness of the plant to science would be much extended. Such a supply department would of course first be used for equipping in the most complete manner our own museum at Trinity. But such is the demand for material of this sort not only in the United States, but in Europe, that it is believed that in time this supply department might go a long way towards defraying the annual expense of the expeditions.

The first expedition to be made would be to the Bahama Islands where the conditions are very favorable for the most abundant and varied fauna. These islands are situated in the mouth of the Gulf Stream where it debouches between Florida and Cuba bringing with it myriads of creatures which it has caught up in its wide circuit from the equator and through the Gulf of Mexico.

The Bahama Islands are never visited by yellow fever. Their climate though warm is agreeable in summer and seldom varies from 84° to 86°.

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E. E. GEORGE

Elected Asst. Manager Baseball.

At a special meeting of the Athletic Association held in the Latin room Tuesday at 1:30 p. m., Eugene Evan George of Walpole, Mass., was elected assistant baseball manager. George prepared for college at Thayer School. He has good executive ability and should make an excellent manager. The association also voted to adopt the rules governing the wearing of the varsity T and ATA that were drawn up by the executive committee, with the following exceptions:

It was voted that the track uniform instead of having a one and three-quarters inch stripe running from the right shoulder to the left across the front of the jersey should have a stripe which ran not only across the front, but around and across the back from the right shoulder as in front. And also that the running pants should have a one inch blue band around the top.

The baseball uniform was added to. It was voted that the varsity cap should consist of a cap of the regular color, but with a blue T on front, but that these caps should not be worn about the campus.

SECOND ASSISTANTS NOMINATED.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Athletic Association held yesterday afternoon the following men from the freshman class were appointed sub-assistant managers of the baseball team: C. L. Trumbull, B. Budd, W. R. Cross and P. M. Butterworth. The following men from the same class were appointed sub-assistant managers of the track team: J. K. Edsall, C. R. Hardcastle and G. R. Wentworth.

At the same meeting it was decided to hang some of the athletic pictures, now in the trophy room, on the wall in the gymnasium around the track. The banner won in the dual track meet with Union last year will also be hung in the gymnasium.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The baseball game with the Westminster school, which was to have opened Trinity's baseball season to-morrow, will not be played on account of the wet grounds.

The baseball squad left the cage this week and have been practicing on the baseball field. The ground is soft as yet, but is growing better.

Hereafter the debating club will meet Tuesday evenings instead of Thursdays as heretofore.

At a meeting of the Cheshire School club held Wednesday the following officers were elected: President, D. W. Garland, 1906; Vice-president, P. R. Smith, 1907; Secy-treas., T. S. Marlor, 1906.

COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Week of March 19 to 25.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19.

8:00 a. m. Holy Communion.
8:00 a. m. Monthly corporate communion of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.
5:00 p. m. Musical vesper service.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

6:45 p. m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew in 19 Northam.
7:30 p. m. Missionary Society in the Latin Room.
6:45 p. m. Mandolin Club rehearsal at 122 Vernon street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

9:45 a. m. Press Club in the Latin Room.
7:00 p. m. Debating club in History Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

Baseball, Trinity vs. Yale at New Haven.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

6:45 p. m. Mandolin club rehearsal at 122 Vernon street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

4:00 p. m. Rehearsal of the mandolin club.
8:00 p. m. Indoor athletic meet in the gymnasium.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25.

7:45 a. m. Holy Communion, Feast of the Annunciation.

9:45 a. m. "Ivy" board meeting.

1:45 p. m. Dramatic club rehearsal in Alumni Hall.

Walkover For 1908.

Freshmen Raise Their St. Patrick's Day Banner and Guard It with Ease.

A Strenuous Night for Underclassmen.

More than doubling the number of the Sophs., 1908 has had an easy time with her St. Patrick's Day celebration this year. Two 190 flags are floating all day in the heart of the city, and the freshmen have raised their banner on the campus and kept it waving the required ten minutes.

The two lower classes spent the night down town and trouble began at 11 o'clock when the freshmen, under the leadership of President Trumbull, started to distribute posters, pasting them up in various parts of the city. These were yellow placard with 1908 in purple letters. Three sophomores who tried to interfere had their lives made miserable for them for a while. At midnight a large freshmen flag was displayed from the top of City Hall where it has all day been bidding defiance to all opponents of this spirited class. When their labors of putting up posters were completed the freshmen retired to the Y. M. C. A. building which served as their headquarters during the night.

At about 6.30 a. m. DeMauriac '07 and Ferguson '07 while regaling the inner man with a frugal sandwich at the Baltimore Lunch were interrupted by a band of freshmen who bound them and left them tied near the Y. M. C. A. Their automobile was confiscated and became the property of '08 the rest of the morning. The sophomores refused to give their parole and subsequently escaped. At seven this morning the second '08 banner appeared on the scene and may be seen today strung from Goodwin's Drug Store across Main street. The 1907 men, however, succeeded in tearing down all the posters which had been put up.

The freshmen collected at City Hall, and forming in a body paraded out to the college, led by the captive automobile. They were led on the campus at 8.15 a. m. by Walter Off and proceeding to the northern electric light pole gathered about it while Maplesden quickly scaled the pole and tied the banner to the wire. The sophomores who were less than half as many were unable to get within reach of the pole, but they attacked fiercely and created a general scuffle. A pair of freshmen would throw each sophomore and then sit on his head, while the 1908 banner floated untouched for ten minutes, the time limit set by the seniors. The freshmen were then declared the winners.

The usual down-town parade will take place this evening, starting at about 7.30.

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"NOW THEN—TRINITY!"

EDITORIAL.

There can be no doubt that the greater portion of Trinity men who read of Prof. Edwards plans for establishing a Floating Laboratory as a part of the Natural History department of our college will heartily endorse the scheme. Only \$500, one quarter of the necessary amount for a successful start, remains to be raised. The plan is approved by the trustees of the college and has the hearty cooperation of President Luther.

It seems to us that Trinity should not turn her back upon such a golden opportunity as this. Here we have a plan originated by one of our own professors, a man universally known in biological circles and lacking neither in experience nor energy. If Trinity does not take up the idea some other college will. Now is the time to act. We, at Trinity have been perhaps too inclined to hide our light under a bushel, but in the past year or so things have been taking a new start. The country's greatest biologists will be glad to take part in the expeditions of a floating laboratory of this sort. Why should it not be Trinity's laboratory as well as some other college's? This is a thing which has never yet been done; the complete equipment of a vessel so that it can not only send out small boats with apparatus to collect all forms of life in the sea, but also become a laboratory for the best of scientific investigation the minute it is anchored.

The results of such an undertaking are obvious. Trinity's reputation as a leader in science will be added to, and this will result in attracting many men to the college. Our floating laboratory will collect many specimens, some of which will increase our museum and others will fill a storehouse from which to supply biological stations elsewhere. This will greatly aid the financial side of the scheme. We have the greatest confidence in the man who is backing this scheme.

Will not the Alumni Associations throughout the country take this matter up and see that it is pushed through? Will not the individual Alumni subscribe to it as they are able, in large or small amounts? The total sum to be raised is so small that it would be a disgrace to Trinity if the scheme should fail because of financial reasons. Let us support Mr. Edwards in his work for the college. Now then, Trinity—it's up to you.

Prof. McCook has been absent from his college duties for the past week, owing to severe throat trouble.

Butterworth, '08, who has been detained at his home in New York city for the past three weeks on account of sickness, has returned.

IN MEMORIAM.

The sophomore class has voted to place a memorial for the late Louis M. Ensign of that class, who died suddenly of spotted fever last year, in the Trophy room in the gymnasium. This memorial will consist of an oak tablet, 3½ by 2 feet, on which will be printed the names of Trinity's Track Team captains.

It is most appropriate that the memory of Ensign should be thus honored by this permanent memorial. He was a perfect gentleman, a good athlete, a true sportsman, and beloved by his mates at college. He gave promise of becoming one of the best athletes Trinity ever had. The tablet will be immediately ordered, and it is hoped to have it at the college in a week.

Washington Alumni Smoker.

A smoker and supper was given by the Washington Alumni Association at Rancher's on March 2. Among those present were: President of the Association Gen. George A. Woodard '55; vice-president Mr. William Fell Johnson; Secretary Mr. S. Herbert Giesey '85; Treasurer Mr. Philip De Witt Phair '94; also Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet '56; Lieutenant Commander Frederick A. Miller '61, U. S. N.; former president of the college Rev. George Williamson Smith; Hon. J. Kennedy Stout '70; Rev. William Timothy Elmer and Carl Herbert Fenning '03.



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The trade winds blow steadily; the water and sky are clear and deep blue; the people honest and simple hearted. Biological investigators have already found the life there in summer both interesting and delightful. These healthful conditions are of great importance for northern men when working hard with both mind and body on the edge of the tropics.

The idea of such a vessel as a part of the college equipment for study and investigation in biology was first proposed by Professor Edwards some fifteen years ago in an article published in the journal "Science" and has been elaborated into the present plan of a Floating Laboratory. In the prosecution of his investigations Professor Edwards has spent three summers in the Bahamas, one on the Gulf coast of Texas, another along the Florida Keys, two on Long Island Sound and one at the Wood's Holl, Mass., Laboratory, so that his experience gives to the plan a practical working basis.

The trustees of the college at a meeting held May 25, 1901, have formally voted their approval of this undertaking.

Already friends of the project have subscribed \$1,500, but at least \$2,000 is necessary for the purchase of a suitable vessel, and it is hoped that the first expedition may be made in the summer of 1905.

This is a splendid opportunity for Trinity college to become a pioneer in a field as important for scientific investigation as it is attractive for undergraduate study and we have faith that the alumni and other friends of the college will realize that now is the golden moment for success. To be first among all the colleges to establish a Floating Laboratory will give Trinity prestige the world over, and under such ideal conditions for work our investigators and students may hope to do work of the highest quality.

ALUMNI NOTES.

S. Herbert Giesy '85, of Washington, D. C., was awarded one of the twenty-five prizes in the Timothy Todd contest of the "Brown Book of Boston."

It is interesting to note that a statue by Louis Potter '96 of New York occupied a place of honor next to the Presidential reviewing stand in Washington on the day of President Roosevelt's inauguration. It is a statue of President Andrew Jackson and was brought from the St. Louis fair. It is a work of high artistic merit and will probably be reproduced in bronze and eventually become one of the works of art of Washington.

William B. Goodwin, '88, is doing special work for the Aetna Insurance Company in southern Ohio with headquarters at Columbus. He and Mrs. Goodwin are living at "The Lincoln" in that city.

Frederick R. Hoisington, '91, is a sales manager for the largest cigar factory in Porto Rico, with offices at 90 Wall Street, New York city. He has given up his residence at Saint Davids, Pa., and is now residing at Port Kennedy, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hoisington took a trip to Porto Rico during the winter.

Richard H. Macauley, '95, is now connected with Alexander Y. Malcolmson, the largest wholesale coal dealer in Detroit. His home address is 76 Davenport street.

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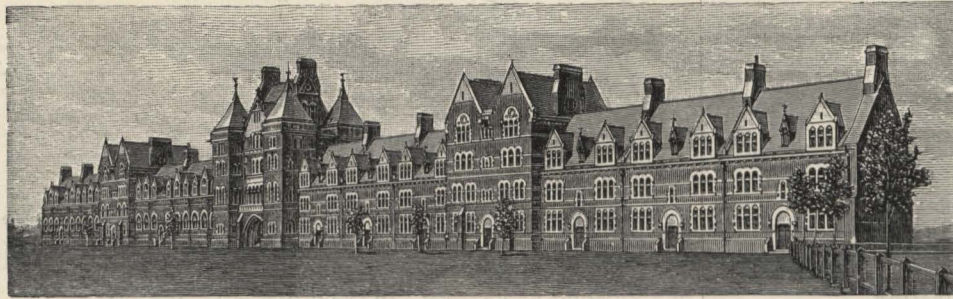
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