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PRESIDENT LUTHER'S BILL FOR TRADE SCHOOLS.

'82—The Rev. Charles W. Coit has been much interested in trade schools, has introduced the following important measure in the Senate, the reference being to the committee on education:—

An act concerning the establishment of free public schools for instruction in the principles and practice of trades.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:—

Section 1—Any town or school district may establish and maintain a public school for instruction in the principles and practice of trades. Said school shall be open, under rules prescribed by the board of school visitors, town school committee or board of education, as the case may be, to all children over 14 years of age; but said school officers may admit, under rules as to scholarship and other qualifications, children over 12 years of age.

Sec. 2—In addition to, and if desirable in connection with, the schools authorized by section one, towns may establish and maintain evening schools or courses for instruction in the principles and practice of trades for persons legally employed in trades and may provide in the schools established under section one, or in said evening schools, for part-time classes of children over 14 and under 18 years of age.

Sec. 3—Two or more towns may unite by vote of the town school committee, board of school visitors or board of education, as the case may be, for the purpose of establishing schools under the provisions of this chapter. The said school officers of town so united are hereby authorized to make all arrangements, agreements and regulations necessary to the organization and maintenance of the trade school district. Said school officers of each of the towns constituting a separate district shall appoint one of their number as the member of the trade school committee and the committee so appointed shall be a joint committee on behalf of the several towns constituting the district. Each town shall be entitled to one vote in said joint committee. Every district organized under the provisions of this section shall continue five years and at the end of five years any town may dissolve the district by withdrawal but notice of the intent to withdraw shall be given in writing to the other towns of the district at least three months before the termination of the five-year period.

Sec. 4—Every town which has established, under the provisions of this act, a trade school, approved, in respect of building, equipment, courses and qualifications of teachers, by the state board of education, shall, annually in July, receive from the state treasurer an amount equal to one-half the running expenses of said school, including teachers' wages, fuel, material and tools, but excluding buildings, repairs and interest charges; provided that not more than \$20 shall be paid by the state for each

child in average attendance in said school.

Sec. 5—The average attendance of each school together with a special report upon the specific work and actual results of the schooling, shall be annually certified under oath, on or before July 1 by the secretary of the board of school visitors, town school committee or board of education, as the case may be, to the state board of education. The comptroller shall on the application of said board, draw an order on the treasurer in favor of the town for the amount specified in section four.

Sec. 6—Any town in which a school is not established and maintained under the provisions of this act, shall pay the whole or any part of the tuition fee of any child who resides with his parents or guardian in said town and who with the written consent of the school visitors, town school committee or board of education, as the case may be, attends a free public trade school approved by the state board of education in another town. Such tuition fees shall be annually paid by the town treasurer upon the order of the chairman of the board of school visitors, town school committee or board of education as the case may be.

Sec. 7—Every town shall, annually in July, receive from the treasurer of the state, an amount equal to two-thirds of the aggregate of the sums which have been actually paid by the town for tuition fees under the provisions of section six; provided, that not more than \$20 shall be paid by the state for each scholar attending from any town. The number and names of the children so attending public trade schools in towns other than those in which they reside, and the trade school which they have attended, shall on or before the first day of July in each year be certified under oath by the secretary of the board of school visitors, town school committee or board of education, as the case may be, of the town in which the pupils reside to the state board of education. The comptroller shall on application of said board, draw an order on the treasurer in favor of the town for the amount provided in section six.

CECIL RHODES SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATIONS.

Held at Yale Last Week.

On Friday of last week Gerald Cunningham went to New Haven to take the examination for the Rhodes scholarship held at Yale University, men from Connecticut colleges being eligible. About ten men took the examinations and it will be a month or two before the successful candidate is chosen, as the examination papers are sent to Oxford for correction. Not only is a man's paper taken into account but also his athletic ability, his general college work and all the records that can be found concerning him.

The college and the many friends of Cunningham wish him the best of success in obtaining this famous scholarship.

SENIOR ASSEMBLY.

The Senior Assembly held in Alumni Hall on Friday, January 18th, was a complete success socially; though the financial success was not as great as could be wished. Dancing began at 5:30 and ended at 10:30, with an intermission, during which refreshments were served. Beeman and Hatch's orchestra furnished the music for the twenty dances.

We reckon the "St. John's Echo" among the most interesting of our exchanges. It is published by the students of St. John's College, Shanghai, an institution in which Trinity men have always taken a special interest.

In the December number is an account of a recent Field Day, which shows that young China amuses itself in the same manner as the Caucasian brethren in other institutions. The records are not, however, very creditable from an American or English standpoint. These are some of them:—

100 yards dash, 11½ seconds.

Running high jump, 5ft. 1½ inches.

Quarter mile run, 62 seconds.

Half mile run, 2 min. 34 sec.

The pole vault record is not so bad, 8 feet 9 inches.

We observe that Moh Yah-oen was the star of this meet, winning five firsts, one second, and two thirds in the ten events in which he entered.

The item quoted below seems to show that our Oriental friends are rapidly acquiring modern and Western ways. We are glad to note that the Japs kicked at the umpire's decision. It is an evidence that they are now in it for fair.

"A match was played between the Tung Vung team and ours. The score was 9-nil, the game being declared forfeited by the Japanese, because they disputed the umpire's decision."

Since the publication of the basketball schedule, two games with the Connecticut Agricultural College have been secured, as follows: February 25th at Hartford and March 2d at Storrs. The management is also in correspondence with teams from Battery A, C. N. G. of Branford, St. Stephen's College of Anandale, N. Y., and several others so that the prospects are good for a much larger schedule than was originally intended. The team goes to Providence, R. I., on January 25th to play Brown University. Mr. Flynn has been coaching the team recently and after the splendid showing made against Williams, last Wednesday, there is every reason to look for a close, interesting game. The probable line-up of the Brown team will be: Capt. Reynolds and Pryor, forwards; Elrod, center; Schwartz and Dickinson, guards. The line-up of the Trinity team has not yet been fully decided upon.

Regular daily practice for the Armory meet began in the Armory yesterday at 4:30 p. m. Candidates will report at the gymnasium at 4 p. m. with suits and spike shoes.

LAWSON PURDY '84 ON PERSONAL TAXES.

(From the N. Y. Evening Post, January 15th.)

Lawson Purdy, president of the Board of Tax Commissioners, said recently that the present system of personal taxation is hopeless, the dead being caught, the living finding an escape. Mr. Purdy's remarks were called forth by a question as to whether the assessment on the estate of Russell Sage, the value of which is fixed at \$50,000,000, could be collected for two years back.

The tentative valuation has been placed at this vast amount because the administrators of the estate put it at that figure, the whole value of the estate having been given as from \$80,000,000 to \$90,000. More than half that amount was in stocks and bonds and moneys which came under the head of personal property. It has been asserted that the city has the power to assess this amount for two years back.

"I am not sure about that," said Mr. Purdy. "I will have to look up the law on the subject. Even if there is such a provision I am not prepared to say just now that it will be carried out. I think that the law, if there is such a law, must have been made for up-state counties."

"The whole trouble lies in the fact," continued Mr. Purdy, "that New York city is not allowed to deal with its own tax problem. So long as the city is under the dominion of the state, or, so long as the up-state countrymen legislate the affairs of the city, and apply rules affecting their own rural districts, to the situation here, there will never be any betterment of the system. I repeat that the present system of personal taxation is hopeless. The dead men are caught. The lives ones escape. It has always been so with this system."

"The trouble comes with the system of assessment and collection, and not with the enforcement of the law. Everything considered, the tax law is enforced about as well as it possibly could be. Under our present system, I doubt if any of our very rich men can legally be taxed on any personal property. We put them down at about what we think they ought to pay, and they can get out of it by swearing off as much as they please."

We are glad to say that most probably several games and meets with Wesleyan will be included in the Trinity schedule this year.

COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, Jan. 22—Glee Club rehearsal, 6:45 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23—Test in Drawing I, 8:45 a. m. Basketball, Trinity vs. Brown at Providence.

Thursday, Jan. 24—Mandolin Club rehearsal, 7 p. m.

Friday, 25—Holy Communion (voluntary), 7:30 a. m. Conversion of St. Paul.

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"NOW THEN—TRINITY!"

EDITORIAL.

We print in this issue a letter from an alumnus in regard to a Sophomore smoker. The subject is so ably treated that hardly anything can be added, but the "Tripod" wishes to second it and advise immediate action on the part of the Sophomores if they wish to carry on what ought to become a most beneficial custom. Leaving out of consideration the beneficial side of the question, the existence of which no one will deny, an annual Sophomore smoker will give that class an opportunity to contribute its share of undergraduate functions. The Seniors give the senior week festivities and the Juniors furnish the coming social events and it is certainly to be hoped that the Sophomores will add a smoker to the list. By doing so they would contribute to the good of athletics, and of the college in general.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Editor of the "Tripod",—

Dear Sir:—Last year the Class of 1908, with characteristic zeal and spirit, instituted the Sophomore Smoker in Trinity. The smoker was distinctly athletic in tone and no man who attended (and I believe every undergraduate in college was there) but came away with a new spirit and a new enthusiasm. It brought the college to-

gether on a common ground as I understand no function, not even the last baseball victories over Wesleyan, had done for several years. Coming just at the opening of the track and baseball season, when candidates were being called out for both of these important branches of sport, the smoker gave a new impetus to the work of those teams and lent renewed encouragement not only to the captains and managers but to the non-participants who looked forward to winning teams. Those present at the smoker were so deeply impressed with the value of the function in creating a wholesome, unselfish college spirit shorn of all class and social distinctions that the hope was expressed in almost every speech that future classes would perpetuate the event until it should become a tradition in Trinity.

It is rather surprising in view of the example of the Class of 1908, that the present sophomore class has as yet done nothing toward giving a smoker this spring. Possibly the members of the class do not realize the great amount of time required to plan for such an event which, if it is to be successful and economical, demands fully two months in the preparation. Last year I believe the class incurred a total expense of less than twenty-five dollars, notwithstanding the fact that they gave away tobacco, pipes and pouches to the value of several times the net expense. The committee was able to do this only after considerable negotiation, extending over a period of fully two or three months. If the Class of 1909 intends to give a smoker this spring, it should come early in March in order that the track and baseball teams may reap the full benefit of the renewed enthusiasm. This means that the Sophomores must "get busy" at once and it is to be hoped that within the week a committee will be appointed and will begin work along the lines set by the committee last year.

Very sincerely yours,

ALUMNUS.

Editor of the Trinity "Tripod",—

Kindly permit me to say a few words to the Alumni of the college through your columns.

Anything which brings a college before the public in a pronounced and favorable manner naturally increases interest in that college.

There is a proposition before you to buy and equip a vessel as a biological laboratory afloat. Will such a laboratory be of any value?

We may consider its value from two standpoints; namely, practical and scientific. No comment is necessary regarding the last proposition.

By practical value I mean anything that adds an element of strength to the college. No one will deny that the strength of a college is the sum of the strength of its various departments. Now the floating laboratory will increase the strength of the Department of Natural History in several ways.

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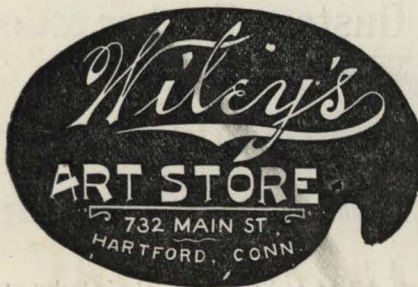
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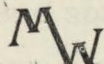
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'80—The Rev. Frank H. Church is vicar of the Church of the Messiah, 206 95th St., New York.

'82—The Rev. Charles W. Coil has resigned the rectorship of St. Luke's Church, Baltimore, Md., and become rector of St. Paul's Church, Bristol, Vt.

'91—The Rev. William C. Hicks has been appointed Archdeacon of Cumberland in the Diocese of Maryland.

'95—Edward M. Yeomans of Andover, county health officer for Tolland county, and Miss Clarice Raymond of Hartford, were married Friday morning, January 18th, in Hartford. The Rev. Dr. Samuel Hart '66 of the Berkeley Divinity school, Middletown, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans will reside in Andover.

'97 and '05—Married in Chicopee, Mass., January 9th, by the Rev. W. A. Sparks '97, Roger Heaton Blakeslee '05 and Miss Florence Cecil Hall.

'03—The Rev. Edmund C. Thomas was ordained to the priesthood January 22d, in Trinity Church, West Pittston, Penn.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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Third. The floating laboratory will advertise the college every year. Each expedition will call the attention of the whole scientific world to Trinity College. In a different way it will attract the attention of the public, especially that of the New England states and of New York. A magazine article or two may supplement the daily papers. Lastly by the biological material which it will send out, it will direct the notice of teachers and pupils of secondary schools to Trinity.

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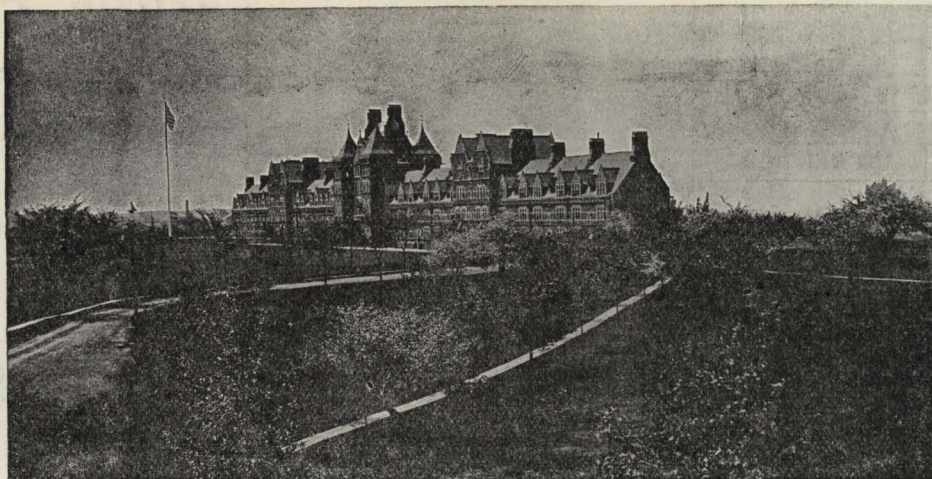
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