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FICTION IN HISTORY.

Interesting Lecture Last Evening by Captain Charles W. Burpee.

The lecture last evening delivered by Captain Charles W. Burpee on "Fiction in History," in the history room fully merited the close attention given it by the seventy-five students in attendance. Captain Burpee though he has not been heard at Trinity for some time past is well known in Hartford and in fact all over the state through his former connection with one of the city's leading papers and his present association with the movement to make history a "faithful record of true happenings."

Although the speaker treated his subject in a thoroughly learned manner nevertheless he brought out many historical absurdities in such a humorous and interesting manner as to gain appreciation, expressed by spontaneous applause and a loud "Trin," at the close of the lecture from all present.

The speech which might come better under the head of "Oddities in History," contained the following ideas. History is a human study by men to be recorded with accuracy as well as charm. The effort to make the sometimes dry enumeration of facts have charm is one of the causes of fiction in history. We remember the interesting but untrue things in history better than the real facts. The popularity of Macaulay, Froude, and Greene is due not so much to the real history contained in their writings but the charm lent by the telling of such instances as when William the Conqueror fell on the sands of the English shore and then picked up a few grains and exclaimed that thus would he seize the whole English land.

Popular credence is given to the tale of Paul Revere's midnight ride. Few people realize that that national hero never took part in such a ride but was in Boston during that whole memorable night. Napoleon has been made to say and to do, by many historians noble things which have made him approach the position of the ancient legendary gods in the minds of many people. Most has in a humorous manner taken the many legends about Napoleon and woven them into a great legend making Napoleon an ancient Greek god. His name is derived from Apollo with the Ne to emphasize the derivation. The story is carried to an extreme and the great general is made to do things of which Hercules himself would not be ashamed. The jest serves as a warning to us, not to credit too much the so-called historical truths about great heroes. The jest serves as a warning to us, not to credit too much the so-called historical truths about great heroes.

A suppression of the facts in a case also lead to fiction in history. We read that the Battle of New Orleans ought never to have been fought and that it might have been averted had news of the settlement of the War of 1812 been immediately carried to Jackson's army. It develops however according to Gen-

eral Jackson himself that even after the treaty of peace England was meditating an attack on New Orleans to gain entrance into Louisiana and then to make an alliance with France for a new empire in the west.

Many of the histories tell of the tragic shooting of Marshall Ney after the fall of Napoleon by his own men but a mass of evidence seldom published proves that Marshall Ney died an old man in South Carolina, years after his reported death having spent his time after the Napoleonic wars in the peaceful role of school master.

We should not abjure legends but we should not fill in the chinks of history with untruths. The Civil War is fast becoming the source of much fiction and it is our duty to discriminate clearly and overcome our proneness to exaggeration. Future generations will not tolerate legendary history of the present as we have tolerated the legendary history of the mediaeval times.

COMPARATIVE FOOTBALL SCORES.

Trinity Seventh in List.

At this time of the year after the preliminary football games are completed and the big ones begin it may be interesting to publish a list of the scores made by and against the leading colleges. These are in a way misleading in the formation of exact comparisons between teams but yet give a pretty good line on scoring and defensive ability.

	Opponents	Games
Princeton	258	11
Carlisle	214	33
Penn. State	216	24
Pennsylvania	210	36
Yale	162	0
Cornell	140	23
Trinity	125	23
Brown	114	28
Harvard	107	14
Michigan	107	0
West Point	71	0
Lehigh	111	24
Lafayette	107	41
Annapolis	94	12
Dartmouth	76	10
Swarthmore	97	31
Williams	83	60
Amherst	43	15
"Aggies"	54	21
Holy Cross	5	115
Training School	46	32
Wesleyan	22	91

It is not extreme to say that Trinity's total score compares favorably with that of any team on the list, and this with the fact that our schedule up to this time has included games with West Point, Amherst, and Wesleyan, shows the high quality of the team's work.

The Sophomore Honorary Society meets to-night at 6:30 for the election of three new men.

FUNERAL OF E. P. McCOOK '90.

The funeral of Edward McPherson McCook '90, who died recently in Mexico was held yesterday, at the house of his uncle, Rev. John McCook and at the Cedar Hill cemetery.

The services were attended by the many friends of the deceased living in Hartford and a delegation of twenty undergraduates from the chapter of the Greek letter society of which Mr. McCook was a member.

INTER-COLLEGIATE NOTES.

Only 254 women were among the 45-138 matriculated students at the 21 universities of Germany last year.

Professor Grosvenor, of Amherst, is making a trip through the middle west this week, for the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa honorary society of which he is president. He will install chapters of the fraternity at Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, the University of Illinois, and at the University of Michigan.

Gifts aggregating a cash value of \$363,000 have been made to New York University during the past fiscal year, according to a report made yesterday by the council of the university. The value of the university's property holdings was said to be \$5,130,000, on which there is a mortgage of \$1,230,000.

The German language and literature is receiving marked attention at Brown University this year. An extension course, so called, is now open every Thursday evening to teachers and others outside the undergraduate body. This course is introductory, but it is expected that later years will bring forward more advanced course.

Registration this year is the largest in the history of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N. J., there being more than 250 students. Distribution by classes is as follows: Two graduate students, 46 seniors, 52 juniors, 60 sophomores, 89 freshmen and five specials. In spite of the increased entrance requirements the freshman class is considerably larger than last year.

The Cornell University board of trustees have ratified the plans of President Schurman for raising the requirements for engineering degrees from four to five years, with two years work in the college of arts and sciences as preliminary to the technical training.

The Glee Club will hold a rehearsal this evening and all should be present. The first concert will come immediately after Thanksgiving and the club will commence working on the program to-night.

'05—C. E. Gostenhofer is in London in the interests of the E. J. Phipps Company, of New York City.

MATHEMATIC TEACHERS MEET.

Professor Flynn a Speaker.

On Saturday there will be held in Hartford a meeting of the Connecticut section of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New England. Many matters of interest will be discussed. Prof. Esty, of Amherst, will read a paper including some suggestions from the College Entrance Examination Board on mathematics. Prof. J. D. Flynn, of Trinity, will lead the discussion on the above paper. He will also offer some suggestions as to the method of remedying the most prominent weaknesses of the first year of college mathematics as shown by the Trinity freshman class.

Another paper will be read by Prof. Percy Smith, of Yale Sheffield Scientific School, on "What Yale Expects in Mathematics from the Entering Class."

STEVENS VS. TRINITY TO-MORROW.

The Stevens Institute will play the Trinity team to-morrow afternoon on the Trinity field at 3 o'clock. A glance at the Stevens scores so far makes things look rather favorable for the old gold and blue team.

The scores are as follows:—

Stevens 39, C. C. N. Y. 0.

Stevens 6, N. Y. U. 18.

Stevens 7, Johns-Hopkins 0.

Stevens 0, Princeton 47.

In the N. Y. U.-Stevens game, A. M. Langford '97, was umpire.

COLLEGE NEWS.

H. C. Pond '08, quarterback of the football team is out of the game for probably two weeks with an abscess on his left hand.

Last Thursday Dr. Luther lectured at Meriden before the Thursday Afternoon Club. He spoke on "Times and Timekeepers." On Friday morning, November 1st, he delivered a lecture at Mount Holyoke.

TRINITY MAN MAKES AUTOMOBILES.

T. W. Goodridge '92 has recently become associated with Hiram P. Maxim, in a company which will put a new electric victoria phaeton on the automobile market. The first car is well under way at the present time and will be on the road very shortly. The designers are confident that the Maxim-Goodridge electric will find a ready market as soon as it is sufficiently developed to be placed before the public.

The second regular rehearsal of the mandolin club was held last evening. Mr. W. J. Crosley has been secured to coach the men this year.

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EDITORIAL.

The following note appeared on the editorial page of the Boston Globe in its Monday's issue. We reprint it without comment. The Globe said:—

"Trinity beats the College of the City of New York 94 to 0. It might be a good plan for Harvard to persuade Trinity to play the Yale game for her."

To-morrow the last home game of the football team will be played on Trinity field. The season is slightly more than half over, yet it is not too early to say that the team and college have enjoyed a most successful period of football activity. Our opponents will bring a strong team to Hartford and while we have won a majority of games played with Stevens in years past an exciting contest may be expected. Trinity should add another mark to her string of victories and this game will bring us into top-notch shape for the Union and Haverford games which follow. There will be a large crowd out from Hartford if the weather conditions are favorable and as it is the last home game for the season let every man in college feel that it is his duty to the members of the team to be present in the cheering section to-morrow.

The fact that the University of Pennsylvania recently sent a challenge to Trinity for an intercollegiate debate should awaken the undergraduate mind to the circumstance, that, at the present time about the only intellectual activities which are being pursued are the Tablet and Tripod outside of regular collegiate work. We have occasionally called the attention of our readers to the advisability of doing a few things and doing them well. This has usually been con-

strued to mean, "Give your support to football and baseball and let the other things be managed by other men who care for them." The difficulty of the situation becomes apparent when a search for these other men is made.

It is to those other men that this article will make its appeal. Is there not room at Trinity for an organization that shall promote debating? Do we wish four issues of a quarterly magazine to stand for the annual intellectual output of Trinity College? If we do not, there is a big field open for those other men, although perhaps the contest with the University of Pennsylvania is more ambitious than it is practical.

Among the changes that have taken place at Trinity within the last few years none has been more heartily welcomed than the new system of compulsory physical training. Previous to the arrival of the present instructor, Dr. Swan, the work was all of one character. The members of the two lower classes were required to go to the gymnasium on two afternoons a week and take part in a uniform drill. Three years ago the trustees voted that the department of physical training be made a part of the regular curriculum and the instructor was made a member of the faculty. At this time Dr. Swan came to Trinity from Wesleyan, where he had been for some years. He immediately began to put into practice his ideas for health exercise.

At a recent afternoon practice the advantages of his efforts were exhibited. All the members of the class were requested to report at the gymnasium, but after that all the work was performed outside. The class was divided into two squads, and a game of basketball was played on the outdoor courts. A certain amount of wand drill was also given to the underclassmen, but they seemed to enjoy it much more than they did within the confines of the building. At the close of the games the entire class went for a short cross country run in the neighborhood of the campus. Such exercise is a wonderful thing for any class of young men, especially where they are confined indoors a greater part of each day.

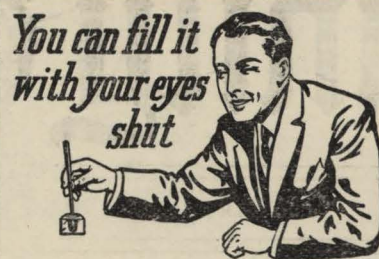
THE BASKETBALL SEASON.

Immediately after the finish of the football season regular basketball practice will be started in the gymnasium. The team promises to be the most successful Trinity has ever had. All of last year's men are in college, and the freshman class contains some excellent material, men who will give the 'varsity team a hard rub for their positions.

Manager Mac Guyer will announce the schedule within the next three weeks. It will be worthy of the teams as games are being arranged with Yale, Brown, Williams, Dartmouth, West Point, and Wesleyan.

Prof. J. D. Flynn of the '98 basketball five will coach the team this year and if his work last year before the Williams game is any criterion Trinity will be proud of her basketball representatives.

The Tablet board met last evening for the consideration of material for the first issue, which will probably come out within the next month.



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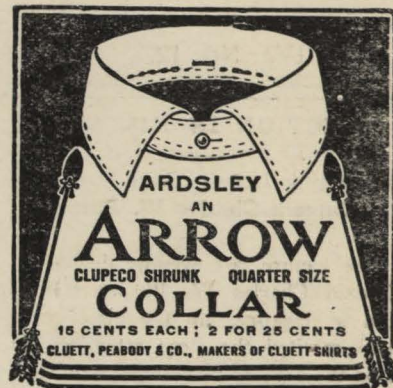
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The next gathering will be held on Monday evening, December 2d, at Kean's Chop House. Don't wait for a notice, but put a mark in the dream book for December 2d, and show up with your friends.

Among those present were: G. E. Curtis '75, Rev. E. P. Newton '81, F. W. Richardson '84, P. C. Washburn '96, J. C. Underwood '96, M. B. Sutton '99, A. D. Vibbert '99, D. H. Verder '99, A. T. Wynkoop '01, F. C. Hinkel '06, L. M. Pond '06, F. W. Goddard, Amherst '97, B. J. Fitz, Bowdoin '97, A. G. King, D. Johnston.

At the fifty-first annual meeting of the Society for the Increase of the Ministry recently held in Hartford, the following Trinity men were elected: President, Rt. Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, hon. '97; vice-president, Rt. Rev. W. W. Niles '57; recording secretary, Rev. S. O. Seymour, hon. '66; managers, Rev. Edmund Rowland '57, Rev. F. W. Harriman '72, Rev. George McClellan Fiske '70, Rev. James Goodwin '86, Rev. J. T. Huntington '50, Rev. W. H. Vibbert '58, Pres. F. S. Luther '70, Rt. Rev. Dr. R. H. Nelson '80; annual auditor, W. D. Morgan '72.

'80—The Rev. Louis A. Lanpher, who recently ministered in a parish in Ottawa, Canada, has entered upon his work of hospital visitation in Boston, being associated with the clergy of the Church of the Advent, and making his home in Brookline.

'01—The marriage of William Morse Nichols, son of Bishop William Ford Nichols '70, and Miss Ellen Dean Child, took place Wednesday in St. Peter's Church, Helena, Montana.

'02—Anson F. McCook, formerly with his brother, Philip J. McCook '95, in New York City, has opened a law office in the First National Bank building, Hartford.

'88—Rev. E. deF. Miel, of Trinity Church, Hartford, is spending a two weeks' hunting trip in Maine.

'70—George E. Elwell, of Bloomsburg, Pa., has been elected president of the Alumni Association of the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He has been a trustee for the past twenty years. This school has seven hundred students, and three thousand graduates.

'79—The Rev. M. K. Bailey has been chosen president of the Men's Social Club of Grace Chapel, New York City.

'94—George William Ellis read a paper before the Connecticut Historical Society at its meeting on Tuesday last, on "The Folly of Racial Prejudice."

'04—Morgan H. Buffington is now with the Dravo Construction Co., Davenport, Iowa.

'06—Harry Huet has been elected secretary of the Missionary Society at the Berkeley Divinity School.

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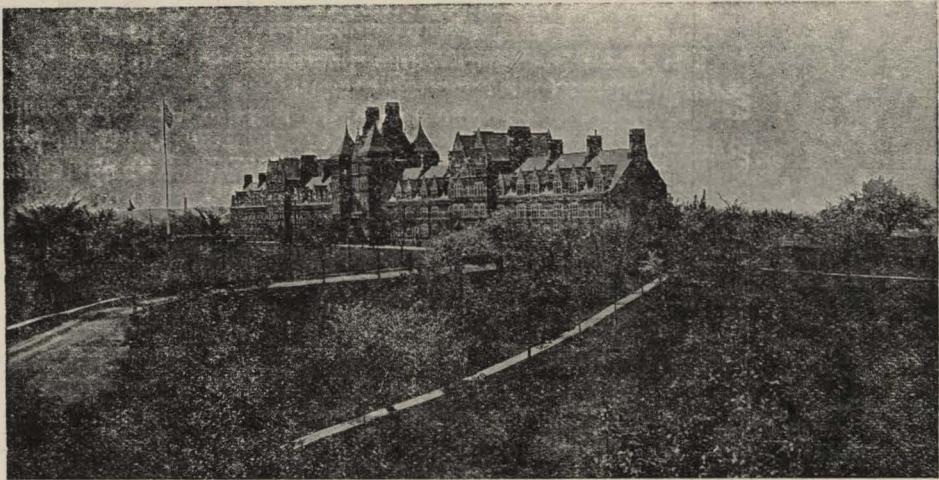
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LIBRARY NOTES.

Among the recent purchases for the library are complete sets of the works of Henry Fielding, Samuel Richardson, and the Bronte sisters.

Edward Swift Balch of Philadelphia has presented a copy of his latest work, a handsomely bound volume entitled "Antarctica." It is a historical account of the explorations of the portion of the globe situated beyond 60° south latitude. It begins with the first faint surmises of the ancients, and brings the story of South Polar discovery down to the expeditions sent out in 1901.

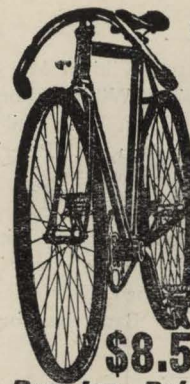
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