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DR. CHARLES A. DINSMORE LECTURES ON DANTE.

Interesting and Scholarly Account of the Great Florentine.

On Tuesday evening, December 17, Dr. Charles A. Dinsmore lectured before a small audience in Alumni Hall on Dante. Dr. Dinsmore is a graduate of Dartmouth and of the Yale Divinity School, and is at present a chaplain in the Engineer Corps of the United States Army. He is a member of the Cambridge Dante Society, and numbers among his works, "Aids to the Study of Dante," and "The Teaching of Dante."

The study of the great Florentine, the lecturer pointed out, is the literary phenomenon of England and America, but, until recently, it was limited in America, to a few men, as Longfellow and Lowell. When, in 1861, Longfellow lost his wife in a terrible manner, the mind of the poet was stunned, and for two years he produced nothing. He took up the study of Dante, and, commencing the translation of the Divine Comedy, he was uplifted and brought back to a nobler and happier outlook on There is no sickly sentimentality in the spirituality of Dante, as we, in this robust age of naturalism, are apt to think. "Somehow the glare of the natural has outshone the wonder of the supernatural," but now we are returning to the divine sweetness of Dante.

Mr. Dinsmore, in comparing the world's three greatest poets, characterized Homer as the poet of action, Shakespeare as the poet of passion, and Dante as the poet of the justice of God. Shakespeare mirrored man as he is; Dante revealed man as he is to be. The Florentine believed in his high mission. The Greeks wrote the tragedy of human struggle against irresistible fate; Shakespeare wrote the tragedy of the conflict of passion and temperament; but Dante saw beyond, and wrote the Divine Comedy, the victory.

Dante Alighieri was born in Florence When ten years old, he met Beatrice, then nine years of age, at a children's party, and "she was clad in crimson of a noble and becoming hue." He did not see her again until nine years later, when she "saluted him with ineffable courtesy, so that he felt that his soul touched the bounds of bliss. His "La Vita Nuova, (The New Life) is a collection of sonnets to Beatrice, with an explanation of the occassion of each. After her death at twentyfour, he was utterly disconsolate, but a vision of her brought back his faith, and he resolved to study that he might write of her worthily.

Hereupon Dante entered into politics, was sent on embassies, became prominent in literature, and was made prior of Florence. His party, however, was defeated, and Dante was banished from the city. Broken-hearted he wandered up and down Italy. He died at Ravenna in 1321, and was buried there.

Trinity vs, C. C. N. Y.

Trinity played its first basketball game during the vacation trip against N. Y. at New York on Decem-CC ber 20th. The team put up a very poor exhibition and was defeated 24 to 12. The men were seemingly out of condition and did not show anything of their true form. The shooting of Donnelly was the only feature, although Spren-land for New York shot foul goals with great precision.

BASKETBALL DURING VACA-

TION.

Line-up:—	
C. C. N. Y.	Trinity.
Sprenland, Spinak, rf	Cook
Barbanell, 1f	Olmstead
Goldman, Brand, c	Donnelly
Brand, Helkowitz, rg	Carroll
Peilman, lg	Gildersleeve
Goals, Sprenland 4,	Barbanell 2,
Goldman 2, Brand 1, Dor	inelly 4, Cook
1; fouls, Sprenland 5,	Barbanell 1,
Cook 2. Referee, Markl.	

2nd Signal Corps vs. Trinity.

Trinity retrieved itself for the defeat the day before, by trimming the 2nd Signal Corps by a score of 28 to 23. a remarkable feature of the game being that not a foul goal figured in Trinity's total, all being goals from the Donnelly and Gildersleeve were easily the stars for Trinity, while Bigelow starred for the home team. score at the end of the first half was 16 to 7 in Trinity's favor.

Line-up:-			
Signal Corps.		Boy	Trinity.
Griffith,	rf		Cook
Van Sise,	1f (Olmstead	l, Connor
Bigelow,	C		Donnelly
Colton,	rg	15 3 10	Carrol
McGill,	1g	Gil	ldersleeve
Goals, Bigelo	ow 3,	Van	Vise 3,
Griffith 2, Colt	on 2,	McGill	I, Don-
nelly 7, Gilder	sleeve	4, Olm	istead 2,
Cook I; fouls	, Colt	ton I.	Referee,
Bradley and Bo	nham.		

Co. B. 1st Regiment vs. Trinity.

The vacation schedule was brought to a close with a game against Co. B, 1st Regiment National Guard of New York in Utica on the evening of January 3rd. The first half proved an absolute rout for Trinity as Co. B scored 21 points to Trinity's 5, but in the second half the score was not so one-sided, although the game closed with a final score of 35 to 14 in favor of Co. B. The best work was done by Weaver, who shot eight field goals, four in each half.

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Line-up:-				
Co. B.		Trinity.		
Sicold,	rf	Cook		
Henderson,	1f	Olmstead		
Sherwin, Hayes,	c	Donnelly		
Weaver,	rg	Carrol		
Sherman,	1g	Gildersleeve		
Goals, Weave	r 8,	Henderson 6,		
Sherman 2, Sicold 1, Donnelly 3, Olm-				
stead 2; fouls,	Sherm	an I, Cook 4.		
Referee, Porter.				

DEATH OF CHARLES WHEATON ABBOT '49.

Charles Wheaton Abbot '49, U. S. N. retired, died at his home in Warren, R. I., Thursday, December 26th, aged seventy-eight years.

Pay Director Abbot was born in He first became connected with the United States navy, through accompanying Commodore Perry on his expedition to Japan in 1853-54, as clerk



CHARLES WHEATON ABBOT

to his father, Capt. Joel Abbot. He was graduated from Trinity in 1849 and studied medicine in Rhode Island. 1856 he was appointed purser in the navy. He served on the sloop-of-war Pawnee in the civil war, and was attached to the sloop-of-war Brooklyn, under Admiral Farragut, at the capture of Forts Jackson and St. Phillips. 1867 he was fleet paymaster of the North Atlantic Squadron. In July, 1871, he was commissioned pay inspector, and became pay director in November of that year. He was retired with the rank of rear-admiral in 1891.

FIRST NUMBER OF "TABLET". Appears in Quarterly Form.

The first number of the "Trinity Tablet" which was issued the day before vacation, contained, beside the usual editorials and book reviews, several contributions by men of note, such as Richard Burton '83, Edward S. Van Zile '84, and President Flavel S. Luther 70. The form of the magazine has been changed and the cover design is the work of William S. Taylor, a New York artist. It represents the main college building as seen through the bars of a Greek shield and is done in The magazine in its quarterly brown. form is creditable to the editors and the college.

The contents are as follows: Frontispiece, bust of President Luther, reproduced by courtesy of "The Courant;"
"How the 'Tablet' Started," an article by Dr. Flavel S. Luther '70; "A Toast," a poem, by DeWitt Clinton Pond '08; "Mrs. Rensen's Jewels," a story, by Edward S. Van Zile '84; "World's Desire," a poem, by Dr. Richard Burton '83; "Life on an Indian Reservation," an article, by Hobart W. Cook '10; "A Story of a purse," a translation from the Persian, by Eugene E. Douman '11; "The University Club of Hartford," an article, by Edgar F. Waterman '98; "Student Life in Spain," an article by Philip E. Curtiss '06; "Struggle," a poem, by John Browne '10.

PRES. LUTHER SPEAKS ON "THE PURITAN AND THE QUAKER."

President Luther was one of the speakers at the twenty-seventh annual diner of the New England Society of Pennsylvania held on the evening of December twenty-third in Philadelphia. His subject was "The Puritan and the Quaker." After reviewing the conflict between Puritan and Quaker he compared the controversy of the New England forefathers with that now being waged between corporations and individuals. He said in part:

"Corporations should represent nothing more or less than organrepresent ized efficiency. They are something like the Puritan Theocracy, namely a body of men who bind themselves together and all of whom are sure they are right. As a result of the similarity in the two conflicts, danger has arisen in this country to-day.

"The Puritans were intolerant in their religion. So are the corporations in many instances regarding their affairs. As a result man is not getting just the square deal. Corporations are a good thing for many purposes, and a very bad thing when they attempt to domi-

There was a round of applause when Dr. Luther declared that although the days of the Puritan and Quaker conflict had long since passed, this country was to-day witnessing persecutions of almost a like character-he referred to child labor, and the long hours of employment forced upon women employees. He then closed with a stirring appeal for the education of the masses, declaring that out of such a movement would evntually come a greater and better country of Americans.

VERY SUCCESSFUL SOPHOMORE HOP.

The Sophomore Hop held the day before vacation proved so successful as to lead the participants to hope that the affair thus well started will become one of the traditions of the col-The dance was informal and ended before twelve o'clock. The music, furnished by aHtch's Military Band, was very good and left nothing to be desired. Light refreshments wer served. The chaperones were: Mrs. Elmer T. Merrill, Mrs. Cranston Brenton, Mrs. Roscoe J. Ham, and Mrs. Raymond G. Gettell.

NOTES

There is an article by Prof. F. R. Honey entitled "The Total Eclipse of the Sun in January, 1908," printed in the "Scientific American" of December 28, 1907.

An article on "The Holothurian in Drau's Invertebrate Zoology," by Professor Edwards was published in the "Science" for December 13th.

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EDITORIAL.

Vacation and Examinations.

To-day the routine work of college commences after a vacation which it is hoped has been enjoyed by all the members of the college, both undergraduate and Faculty. This next month must not be classed as comprising merely the regular college work for on the twentyseventh the Christmas examinations start. The Tripod wishes to urge every man to try his best not alone to pass but also to keep off probation. He owes this act to the college for spring athletics will soon start and every with althletic ability is needed to hold the teams to the high standard set last year. Aside from the fact that the reviews now commencing give the men a better chance to pass the examinations, there is another phase which it is desirable to emphasize. Conscientious work done now especially will strongly impress on the student's mind the sub-ject studied and will bring results throughout his life.

For these reasons if personal pride does not compel it, every man needs to work and after mid-years we shall see the attendance undiminished in size and the college will thus be advancing to the Trinity of the future which we all

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:-

Dear Sir:-The letter signed "A Senior" in your issue of December 13th brings up a rather interesting point for discussion, and I am very glad he wrote it. His argument is that the public lecture course would be better attended if such persons as Mme. Nazimova or Mr. Ben Greet were secured instead of -well, it would be invidious to mention

any particular lecturer, but you can fill in ad libitum from the programs of past years.

It is quite possible Mr. A. Senior is correct in his assumption. Mme. Na-zimova would certainly draw. She could at any rate hardly have a smaller audience than the one that greeted Dr. Dinsmore on Tuesday. But is mere "drawing" the one desideratum? If it were, why not substitute moving pictures or a prestidigitator for the lecture —the hall, at the usual price of admission, could easily be filled.

I do not intend to class Mr. Greet with any moving picture show, but it is by no means certain that he would be more instructive even if he were equally interesting. It is a great mistake to suppose that, because a man does things and happens to have his name continually in the papers, he is qualified to lecture about them. have had several illustrations at Trinity of conspicuous men who filled the hall, and yet who had almost nothing to say. Of course the audience went away satisfied-they had seen the noted Mr. X; but the purpose of the lecture committee had been defeated.

I admit that the ideal lecturer is the big man who can say things too, but such men are almost impossible to secure under the present circumstances, as committee after committee has found

The next best thing is to secure those of less spectacular reputation who are equally qualified to talk. The result is not encouraging. The rows of empty seats, when a comparatively unknown man is lecturing no matter how ably, testify to the fact that what the students and public alike are looking for is a "sensation." They would rather hear a big man say nothing, than be instructed by a mere scholar, however intersting his theme. Possibly it is the committee's duty to cater to this nearly universal taste, but there are those who hold that the highest function of a college is to instruct, and that entertainment should be left to the theaters and the athletic arena.

> Yours very truly, Henry A. Perkins.

COMMUNICATION.

10th December, 1907.

Editor of the "Trinity Tripod," Trinity College,

Hartford, Conn

My Dear Sir:-Will you please announce to the members of the class of 1877 that I am still permanent secretary of that class, and am anxious to receive word from those who may have chanced to have escaped the graves in which I thought they probably were immurred. R. H. Coleman has written me from the Adirondacks that he is alive and well and happy. No man can ask for more. Wm. G. Mather has lately reported from Cleveland that, though he had set out to die a year or so ago, he has changed his mind and is coming to California this winter to find it the land of rehabilitation. There is, therefore, documentary evidence that three are alive and it is possible that more may awake. Though I am writing in a jocular vein, I am nevertheless serious and I hope to be in Hartford in June, of next year, and to be able to report in person to the "Tripod" that the Class of 1877 is intact.

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ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

'91-Dr. V. C. Petersen was on December 18th elected secretary of the venitourinary section of the New York Academy of Medicine.

'84-A one-act play entitled "Mrs. Van Vechtin's Divorce Dance," by Mr. E. T. Van Zile '84, will be presented at a reception at the Hotel Plaza, to be given January 21st. The leading roles will be taken by Mrs. George J. Gould and Kyrle Bellew, and Mme. Nordica will be seen in the role of a maid.

'95-The Rev. Sydney K. Evans '95. has been appointed chaplain in the United States navy and assigned to duty on the flag-ship of Admiral Thomas.

'8'-Dr. Richard Burton '83, will give a course of three lectures on "Modern Dramatists" under the auspices of the Hartford Grade Teachers' club during this month. The first lecture will be given in the Amusement hall at the Church of the Redeemer on January 15th, on Ibsen. The works of Ibsen have been so widely read that a discussion of their merit by a man like Dr. Burton will arouse much interest in all lovers of the drama.

DR. CHARLES A. DINSMORE LECTURES ON DANTE.

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Nr. Dinsmore gave a scholarly interpretation of the Divine Comedy. He said that the Divine Comedy is the way of life. In the Inferno Dante presents a picture of sin; in the Purgatorio he reveals the means by which the soul can free itself from its burden of sin; and in the Paradiso he shows the vision of God. Virgil, typifying human reason, is his guide through Hell and Purgatory. Beatrice, the picture of God's revelation of Himself, leads him to the vision, and there leaves him, as the revelation is not needed in the presence of the reality. It will be noted that in the Beatrice of the Paradiso we can detect no trace of earthly love, and Dante has accomplished his desire to celebrate her worthily.

INTER-COLLEGIATE NOTES.

Columbia won the sixteenth annual intercollegiate chess tournament held during the vacation with a score of 91/2 games out of a possible 12. The other competitors and the order in which they finished were: Yale, Princeton and Harvard. Since the tournaments were started Harvard has won 9, Columbia 6 and Yale 1.

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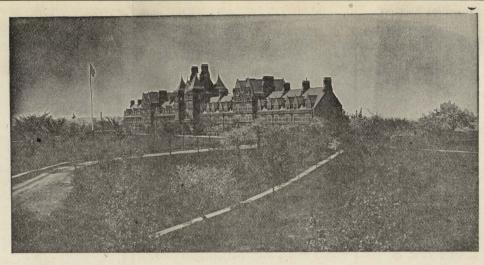
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EXAMINATION SCHEDULE.

"Exams" Start January Twenty-Seventh.

The following is the schedule for the Christmas examinations:-

Jan. 27 (Mon.) A. M.—Chemistry 2, Civil Engineering 2, Drawing 1, Eng-

lish 5, German 3, History 3, Latin 1.
Jan. 28 (Tues.) A. M.—Chemistry 6, Civil Engineering 4, English 6, German 4, Greek 3, History 1, Mathematics 1, Physics I.

Jan. 29 (Wed.) A. M.-Civil Engineering 3, Philosophy 3, Physics 2 P. M.—Economics 2, Latin 2, Natural History I, Spanish I and 2.

Jan. 30 (Thurs.) A. M.—Economics 1, French 4, German 2, Greek A, Latin 6, Natural History 7, Physiology and Hygiene 3.

Jan. 31 (Fri.) A. M.—Biblical Literature, Chemistry I, Cicivl Engineering I, Greek, I, History 7, Physics A and

(Sat.) A. M.—Chemistry 4 and 5, Civil Engineering 5, German 4,

French 3, Greek 2, Mathematics 3, Natural History 9, Public Speaking.
Feb. 3 (Mon.) A. M.—Chemistry 3, Drawing 2, Economics 3a, French 1, German 1, Greek 4b.

Feb. 4 (Tues.) A. M.—English 3,

Philosophy I. P. M.—English I. Feb. 5 (Wed.) A. M.—Drawing 3, English 2, French 2, Mathematics 2, Philosophy 2.

Feb. 6 (Thurs.) A. M.—English 8, History 5, Mathematics 5, Natural History 2, Philosophy 5.

Courses not provided for—Natural History 3 and 6, Physics 5, Shop Work.

Examinations begin at 9 A. M. and 2 M. All examinations will be held in Alumni Hall, unless otherwise arranged by the Committee on Electives.

INTER-COLLEGIATE NOTES.

Two years ago basketball was admitted into the Athletic Association here at Trinity. This seems to have been a step in the right direction for the Intercollegiate Athletic Association at a meeting held during the holidays voted to make basketball one of the sports under the authority of the body. Resolutions were also adopted censuring the playing of summer baseball by undergraduates.

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