

# The Trinity Tripod

College Library.

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## COLLEGE LIBRARIES OF OLD.

Article by W. N. Carlton.

Librarian W. N. Carlton has an interesting article in the Library Journal on the subject of early college libraries. The advance made during the past fifty years is very striking. A brief summary of Mr. Carlton's article follows: At the middle of the last century there were but two colleges in the United States, Harvard and Yale, which had 50,000 volumes. Such typical New England colleges as Amherst, Dartmouth, Colby, Middlebury, University of Vermont, Wesleyan and Williams had less than 7,500 each. The Columbia College library, the largest in New York, had 12,240; Hamilton, Colgate and the New York University had less than 5,000 each; Princeton had 9,000; the University of Pennsylvania, 5,000; while seven other Pennsylvania colleges had an average of 2,839 each. Altogether, the 126 college libraries at that time in the United States possessed 586,917 volumes, 155,000 less than are now collected in the Harvard library alone. Annual incomes for library purposes were as pitiful as the book collections. For some of the leading colleges, the library incomes were as follows: Harvard, \$450; Bowdoin, \$200; Princeton, \$400; Amherst, \$300; Williams, \$200; Union, \$100; Columbia, \$200. Only two college libraries had endowments, those of Yale and Brown, which were \$27,000 and \$25,000, respectively. Even more significant, as showing the small esteem in which the library was held, are the rules for use by the students. The following are typical: At Amherst the library was open to students but once a week, and no student was at liberty to take a book from the shelves without special permission. At Yale, freshmen and sophomores were entirely excluded.

## HOCKEY PRACTICE DAILY.

Hockey practice started on the college pond last week. A large number of candidates reported and the prospects are exceedingly bright. Budd '08, last year's substitute goal tender and Brainard '11 from St. Paul's School are having an interesting race for the goal position; Stevens '08, Creedon '09 and Eaton '10 are candidates for point. George Buck and Clark '11 are having a good fight for cover point. The following men are out for the forward positions: Morris '08, H. Pond '08, P. Roberts '09, Morrow '09, Buchanan '09, Carrol '10, Melton '11, S. Haight '11, Maxon '11, Grint '11, Burgwin '11 and Murray '11.

The first game on Manager Neff's schedule is to be played against Springfield Training School next Saturday at Springfield. For the past two years the Training School hockey teams have been exceedingly fast and heavy. Trinity will probably play on the defensive, but the game should put the team in good shape for the West Point game on the twenty-fifth.

## BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATED AT WEST POINT.

Score 33-14.

The West Point basketball five defeated the Trinity team at West Point Saturday afternoon by the score of 33 to 14. At the beginning of the first half Trinity immediately started off with a rush scoring points, but by the end of the period West Point had gained a comfortable lead with the score of 21 to 11. The second half was all West Point's. Saturday seemed to be rather an off day for the Trinity men. They also lacked team work.

## SECOND TEAM DEFEATED.

South Manchester 35, Trinity 2d 16.

The Trinity 2d team was defeated at South Manchester Saturday afternoon by the team representing that town. The score was 35 to 16. The game was very rough, especially on Trinity's part, as shown by the fact that South Manchester made eighteen points from fouls. The line-up of the Trinity 2d team was as follows: Smith, rf; Buchanan and Connor, lf; Woodle, c; Capen, rg, and Connor and Marlbor, lg.

## TRINITY BASEBALL PLANS.

Some of the Games Arranged.

As yet it is impossible to publish the baseball schedule in full but the Tripod has obtained a partial list of games which are printed below. Manager S. E. McGinley is at present corresponding with Stevens for a game in Hoboken on Saturday, April 11th, and also trying to arrange for two games with Dartmouth, one at Hanover on May 9th and the other on Trinity field on May 13th. The remainder of the schedule which will be submitted to the faculty in the near future is as follows:—

Saturday, May 2—New York University at Hartford.

Saturday, May 16—New York University at New York.

Wednesday, May 20—Holy Cross at Hartford.

Saturday, May 23—Union at Hartford.

Wednesday, May 27—West Point at West Point.

Saturday, June 6—Williams at Williams.

In addition to these games, three games with Wesleyan, to be played May 30th, June 28th and June 23rd, are being arranged.

A. Spencer Murray 3rd of the sophomore class has resigned from college and will enter Harvard in February. His resignation will be regretted by all as he was a prominent man in both college and class activities. The assistant track managership left vacant by his withdrawal will be filled at the next meeting of the Athletic association.

## THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Prof. Kleene Addresses the American International College.

On Wednesday evening last, Prof. Gustavus A. Kleene lectured at the American International College in Springfield, Mass., on the present financial crisis. In his address he said that the trouble was caused by banks entering into the unsafe field of speculation and underwriting of enterprises of unsound character.

The Springfield Republican contained the following extracts from Prof. Kleene's address: In part he said: "In a time of financial crisis like the present those who are in trouble feel a strong desire to blame some one for what has happened. Some accuse the president and the agitators and reformers of the country of overthrowing the confidence on which business rests. Others throw the blame on those who draw their funds out of banks and hoard them. These are not adequate explanations of the crisis. Even if we granted that agitation against corporation abuses has disturbed confidence, we should have no explanation of the sudden character of the crisis. A disturbance of confidence by such agitation could lead only to a gradual slackening of enterprise. Nor is it an adequate explanation of the crisis to attribute it to an unreasoning panic among the bank depositors. To be sure, the run of depositors on banks and the withholding of funds from the banks seem to be the immediate cause of the trouble. But why were depositors seized with panic? And why were the resources of banks so small in proportion to their liabilities that such a run should endanger them?"

The lecturer then explained the credit operations of banks and showed how during a period of prosperity the deposit liabilities grow more rapidly than the cash reserves, until the situation becomes dangerous. Even then no serious crisis need occur, if all the investments made by banks are sound. If banks confined themselves to loaning on commercial paper, based on actual transfer of salable goods, they would never become seriously involved. When, however, banks enter the field of promotion and underwriting, their resources become tied up in unstable and unsafe values. With bad investments and an extreme extension of credit it is inevitable that some untoward event will cause a run of depositors on some banks and the weakness of the entire banking situation will be revealed. Economic crises are full of moral lessons. They reveal how almost inevitably those whose sole end is material gain will overreach themselves and fail, and the fate of those who have failed and who end this life because they have never lived for anything else but the dollars they have lost, shows the weakness of a life devoted entirely to material gain.

H. W. Young '11 is ill in the Troy (New York) hospital.

## MR. BEN GREET ON "THE DRAMA."

As the Tripod goes to press Mr. Ben Greet is delivering a lecture on "The Drama." Mr. Greet is well known as the actor-manager who has presented Shakespearean plays in their original setting. He is giving some of his repertoire this week at Parsons' Theater. The plays which are presented this week will not be staged in the old manner, that is, without scenery, but they will be presented according to modern ideas. Mr. Greet in an interview said that ever since he went on the stage he has acted Shakespeare, and in his opinion Shakespeare is by far the leading dramatist of all ages. An account of Mr. Greet's talk will be printed in the next issue of the Tripod.

## CHURCH WORKERS' COMMONS.

Rev. Philip Cook Delivers a Series of Addresses.

A few of the Episcopal Church lay men of New York will make a new venture in method of training lay workers in advanced religious study. The venture is called a Church Workers' Commons, and will be a school to train the lay workers. The commons is to be located at Christ Church, Broadway and Seventy-First street, where the north transept of the church is to be partitioned off and called Seabury Hall.

There will be three courses of study, together with a supplementary course of sermons and addresses. On Tuesday nights in January and February the Rev. Philip Cook, Trinity '98, President of the Junior Clergy Missionary Association, will conduct a normal mission study class, when Japan will be studied, with the aim of making teachers competent to give courses in their own parishes.

## NOTICE.

The examination for candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship will be held in Alumni Hall, Yale University, on January 21st and 22d, 1908. Students at Trinity College who desire to present themselves for these examinations must write immediately to Professor Andrew W. Phillips, Yale University, and inform him of their intention to present themselves for examination.

Frank Cole Babbitt,  
Sec'y of the Faculty.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

Wright '10 will deliver a paper before the Seabury Club of Hartford entitled "The Anglican Revival As It Relates to the Faith of the Church," on the evening of January 16th.

P. M. Butterworth '08, business manager of the Tripod, is spending a few weeks at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks. He will return to college before the mid year examinations.



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## "NOW THEN—TRINITY!"

### EDITORIAL.

#### A Baseball Coach?

The question of securing a baseball coach for this spring's work is at present under discussion. Secretary Forward of the Athletic association and Captain Xanders of the baseball team have been communicating with a very desirable man, a former prominent player on the Northwestern University team. He is now holding off from any other engagement awaiting news from Trinity. The securing of a baseball coach now depends a great deal upon the number of men joining the Athletic Association for the spring term. If those in charge of the baseball team are assured of sufficient support from the undergraduates a coach will undoubtedly be obtained.

#### WHY NOT AT TRINITY?

The following is an Associated Press dispatch from New Haven under date of Saturday last: The junior promenade committee in Yale has voted to request the juniors not to make gifts of flowers to guests on the night of the promenade itself, January 21st, the reason for such a vote being "that the committee feels that every item of expense in these times of financial stress should be cut down; that every move of this kind means that the 'prom' is brought nearer the man of limited means, and no fair guest, however capable she may be desired to carry a bunch of violets or the like while dancing."

The action of the committee is a radical one although in each year for several years past an effort has been made to curtail individual expense along this line.

#### PROF. JOHNSON AS FOOTBALL PROPHECY.

We quote the following letter and article from the Hartford Courant. In this letter Professor Johnson suggests several changes in the football rules of fourteen years ago, a lot of which changes have been made since.

The letter follows as printed in the New York Sun November 28, 1893:—

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"There can be little doubt that the rules of college football must be amended, not only because the game is yearly becoming more violent and dangerous, but because it is becoming uninteresting to a spectator, even if he possesses a technical knowledge of the game. It is a general complaint that the game at Springfield was dull—a succession of pushes, rushes, few if any brilliant plays, a monotonous series of collisions, and only one count. All this may be sufficiently interesting to college boys but it is not a game; it lacks the elements of variety, of breathless expectation, of changing fortunes—all that makes a contest attractive. The changes in the rules necessary to make football as truly a game as is basketball or cricket may not be easy to come at. I am not at all sure that the following suggestions would accomplish the result, but they would at least tend to open the game.

In the opening, compel the side having the ball to stand on a line with the ball, at least ten feet apart; the other side on a line five yards distant; no man to move until the ball is touched to the ground. This would stop the opening wedge play, a dangerous, though effective maneuver.

Give the ball to the other side after four downs unless it is kicked. This would divide the game into short innings on each side and would break up or tend to render ineffective the mass plays in the center which are not only tedious to the spectators but are dangerous to the players. The ball should of course be given to the opposite side at the place where it was last downed. As there would be no risk of losing the ball for three downs, any chance for a long run could be safely attempted, and long passes across the field—a most scientific and beautiful feature of the game now lost—would be reintroduced.

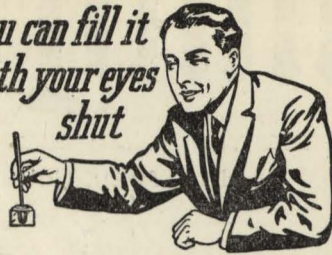
Make it anybody's ball after a kick. This would make kicking and rapid getting down the field after a kick very effective.

Allow the pass forward. This is a very radical change and is suggested with some diffidence. It would so entirely alter the character of the game that it is not likely it could be adopted. It would evidently bring an entirely new set of combinations, and players would have to learn the game over again. It would tend to do away with the tackling and introduce skill and address. If the ball is passed or kicked over the goal line bring it back to the twenty-five yard line.

The three changes first mentioned would render the game more scientific and less brutal. A game is a slow evolution. At first, it is very crude, as football is now. Experience and experiment bring it into the rank of true games. Baseball, though far from perfect, is in a much higher stage of development than is football. But football has great possibilities, and contains

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1908, was held at Keen's Chop House,  
on Monday, January 6th. A very pleas-  
ant re-union was enjoyed. The men  
were glad to have Prof. W. S. Martin,  
formerly of the faculty, with them.

The informal supper was followed by  
the regular annual meeting of the New  
York Alumni Association, which was  
called to order by the treasurer, Mr. P.  
J. McCook '91. In the absence of the  
secretary, Mr. A. M. Langford '97, Mr.  
Lecour '98 was appointed secretary pro  
tem. The following were elected offi-  
cers for the ensuing year:

President, E. Lawson Purdy '84.  
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'48, William S. Cogswell '61, W. S.  
Hubbard, M.D. '88, F. R. Hoisington  
'91.

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Hotchkiss '82, J. Penrose '95, Rev.  
Philip Cook '98, Joseph H. Lecour, Jr.  
'98, Aubrey Vibbert '99.

After the reading of the reports and  
other routine business, the question of  
an annual dinner was discussed, and  
the whole matter was referred to the  
executive committee with power to act.  
The meeting then adjourned. The fol-  
lowing were present: Dr. Oberly '65,  
Dr. Flagg '48, Mr. Curtis '76, Mr.  
Hotchkiss '82, Rev. Church '82, Rev.  
Mitchell '85, Mr. V. C. Pederson '91,  
Mr. Hoisington '91, Mr. Penrose '95,  
Mr. McCook '95, Mr. Langford '96, Mr.  
Coggeshall '96, Mr. Lecour '98, Mr.  
Austin '98, Mr. Verder '99, Mr. Vib-  
bert '99, Mr. Meyer '03, Mr. Boller '06,  
Mr. Pond '06, Mr. Hinkel '06 and Dr.  
Martin.

'04—The Moline (Illinois) Daily Dis-  
patch of a recent date contains an ac-  
count of the acceptance of the Moline  
lock for the United States government  
by Major C. S. Riche. The lock was  
built by the Dravo Construction Co., of  
Pittsburg. M. H. Buffington '04 was  
in charge of the work and was the last  
representative of the company to leave  
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'54—The Rev. Dr. H. B. Hitchings  
has printed in handsome form for pri-  
vate distribution, his sermon preached  
last year at the ordination for the Berke-  
ley Divinity School on the fiftieth an-  
niversary of his own ordination.


'67—The Rev. Thomas Logan Mur-  
phy, a member of the class of 1867, died  
at his home in Plainfield, N. J., Decem-  
ber 22d, in the 71st year of his age.

'80-'87—George M. Curtis '80 and  
Charles H. Tibbits '87, are members  
of the Board of Directors of the New  
Haven County Anti-Tuberculosis Asso-  
ciation.

'98—The Rev. James W. Lord has  
accepted charge of St. John's Church,  
East Hartford, Conn., during the ab-  
sence of the Rev. Prof. McCook '93.

'06—Donald E. Lauderburn has  
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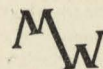


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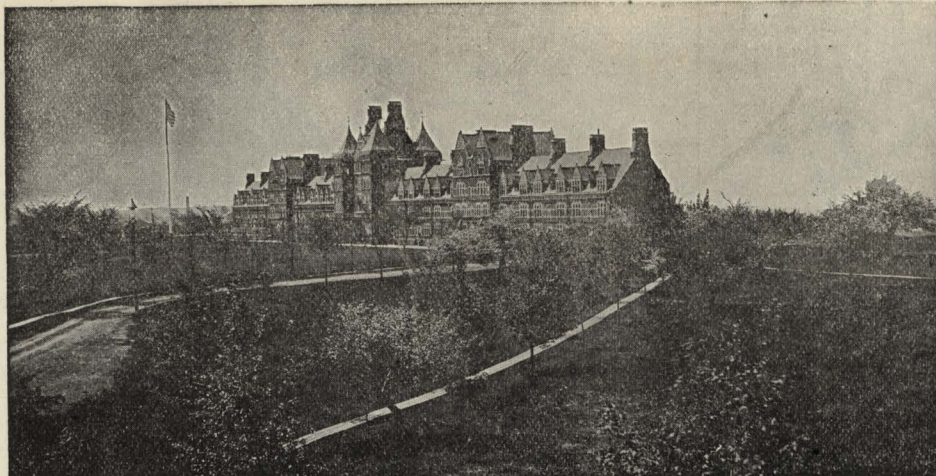
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**COLLEGE NEWS.**

Alfred Howell of the class of 1911 who has been absent from college since October on account of illness, has returned to college.

J. P. Webster '10 and W. F. McElroy '10 were in New York Saturday to attend the annual banquet of the Holden School Alumni Association which was held at the Harvard Club.

In the examination schedule which was printed in a recent Tripod, German 4, was down for two days. The examination in this course will be held on Tuesday, January 28th at 9 o'clock.

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