

# The Trinity Tripod

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## FIRST BASKETBALL GAME OF THE SEASON.

Columbia 34, Trinity 8.

Trinity was defeated by Columbia last Friday evening, on the floor of the Columbia Gymnasium, by the score of 34 to 8. This was the opening game of the season for both teams. The game as played by both sides was lacking in accurate shooting; time and time again comparatively easy shots were missed, owing to want of practice in this line of the game.

The first half consisted of much better basketball than did the second; this was true especially of the Hartford collegians. In the second period Trinity was forced to put up a defensive game entirely.

With more practice, especially in shooting accurately when under opposition, Captain Gildersleeve will lead one of the fastest quintets Trinity has ever had.

Gildersleeve was the individual star of the game, securing seven out of Trinity's total of eight points. Benson starred for Columbia.

The game started promptly at 9 o'clock. Several Columbia men missed shots at the goal, but soon Captain Gildersleeve made the first tally from a difficult angle. Benson and Kiendl both scored on easy shots. Ryan next scored on a neat double pass. The ball remained under the Columbia basket for some time and finally Benson scored. From the left side of the floor Gildersleeve again scored on a very long shot. Shots were missed again by both sets of forwards, and on a series of quick passes Ryan sent the ball in the basket. At this point Abbey was injured at the knee in a lively scrimmage. He was able to enter the play soon. Ryan and Melitzer both scored after lively scrimmages. Gildersleeve shot a goal from a foul called on Benson for holding, Kiendl also scored on a similar penalty on Abbey. Kiendl scored again from the floor. Capen next made a clean shot, but running caused a foul to be called. This ended the half with the score 15 to 7, in favor of Columbia.

The second half developed into a fast passing and defensive contest. Mahon scored first. Capen was badly hurt in a hard fall, but after a brief rest was able to resume play again. Columbia began a series of dribbles and the game became rougher; Benson scored two goals; Kiendl and Melitzer each one on dribbles, while free tries from fouls netted nothing. Mahon scored a clean shot and Kiendl added a point on a foul by Carroll. Cerussi took Mahon's place. Kiendl again scored on a foul. Ryan next made a neat underhand shot, and Kiendl scored one on a foul for delaying the game. Mendelsohn substituted for Benson and Spencer for Ryan. Gildersleeve tried several long shots, but

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## TRINITY HOLDS WEST POINT TO A LOW SCORE.

West Point 12, Trinity 0.

On Saturday afternoon Trinity met its second defeat of the basketball season. West Point was the opponent and the score, 12 to 0, was made early in the game. Again in this game the wearers of the Blue and Gold showed the necessity of more practice in shooting. This game, which was witnessed by an especially large and enthusiastic crowd, was one of the best ever played on the West Point floor, in spite of the score. After the score was made the game developed into a blocking match entirely.

In the opening half, the army started off with a rush, Mehlen scoring three goals from the floor and Beardslee two. The only sensational shot of the game was soon made by Catron, who scored from a difficult angle. At this point Trinity settled down to a close guarding game and no more scores were made.

The second half went at a lively clip, both teams doing a great deal of guarding and little shooting. Trinity seemed to have the better of the argument; Capen, Gildersleeve and Abbey tried many times to score, but the ball could not be put through the ring. Capen put the ball in the basket several times, but each time he was penalized for running with the ball. In this period numerous scrimmages took place and the play at times resembled a football game. Though fouls were frequent, neither side could add anything to their score by free tries.

Line-up and summary:

Trinity	West Point
Capen, r f.....r f,	Mehlen
Gildersleeve, l f.....l f,	Devers
Abbey, c.....c,	Beardslee
Carroll, r g.....r g,	Catron
Ramsdell, l g.....l g,	Arnold

Score: 12 to 0. Goals from the floor—Mehlen 3, Beardslee 2, and Catron 1. Referee—Weymouth of Yale. Time of halves—20 minutes.

## FIRST BASKETBALL GAME OF THE SEASON.

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none were successful. This ended the game.

Line-up and summary:

Trinity	Columbia
Capen r f.....r f,	Melitzer, Gulger
Gildersleeve, l f.....l f,	Kiendl
Abbey, c.....c,	Ryan, Spencer
Ramsdell, l g.....l g,	Mahon, Cerussi
Carroll, r g.....r g,	Benson, Mendelsohn

Score: 34 to 8. Goals from the floor—Benson (4); Gildersleeve, Melitzer, and Ryan (3); Kiendl and Mahon (2); Mendelsohn. Goals from fouls—Kiendl (4); Gildersleeve and Capen. Referee—Quiggs. Time of halves: 20 minutes.

## DELTA PSI COTILLION.

Pleasant Affair Held Last Friday Evening.

The members of the Epsilon chapter of the fraternity of Delta Psi gave a very enjoyable German on Friday evening at their house on Summit street.

The house was tastefully decorated with laurel and evergreens, and presented an appearance of Christmas time. The favors were also very appropriate for the season, and added to the holiday appearance.

The first half was led by I. L. Xanders with Miss Claribel Smith, and the second half by G. E. Elwell, Jr., with Miss Natalie Nixdorf. Between the halves a light supper was served.

The patronesses were Mrs. Flavel S. Luther, Mrs. Cranston Brenton, Mrs. W. H. Eaton of Pittsfield, Mass., and Mrs. C. S. Marlor of Brooklyn, Conn.

Those present were the Misses Marion Flagg, Claribel Smith, Margaret Deming, Isabel Barbour, Majorie Howe, Marion Hawley, Marion Collins, Caroline Alton, Helen Lyman, Marjorie Hubbard, Emily Joslyn, Eleanor Collins, Margaret Brockway, Hilda Keller, Marjorie Barton, Natalie Nixdorf, Dorothy Davis, Ruth Marlor of Brooklyn, Conn., and Miss Lynde of New York.

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Music was furnished by a part of Scott Snow's orchestra.

## SHAKESPEARE CLUB.

A Shakespeare Club has recently been formed in Hartford to meet at the Young Men's Christian Association Building on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock to read informally and discuss the plays of Shakespeare. The class will be conducted by Mr. Truman J. Spencer of Hartford, a distinguished Shakespeare scholar and member of the Shakespeare Society of New York.

Mr. Spencer and the other gentlemen having the organization in charge have through Professor Brenton given a cordial invitation to the students of Trinity to attend the classes. No expense whatever will be incurred by those who wish to avail themselves of this attractive opportunity of studying Shakespeare's plays.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

Mr. Howard Richardson, Jr., of Boone College, China, spoke to the missionary society last night in the History Room at 7 o'clock.

## S. D. C. INITIATION BANQUET.

Thursday Night at Chase's Rathskellar.

The annual Sophomore Dining Club initiation banquet took place last Thursday evening at Chase's, where the entire rathskellar was reserved.

The program consisted of white, tied with a yellow bow, and with the three letters S. D. C. in blue on the cover. The menu was as follows:

- Manhattan Cocktail
- Blue Points
- Celery
- Celery Soup
- Chicken Patties a la Reine
- Pomersion Brown Potatoes
- Roast Larded Tenderloin
- Peas
- Julien Potatoes
- Ice Cream
- Assorted Cakes
- Roquefort Cheese
- Crackers
- Demi Tasse
- Olives

William F. McElroy '10 acted as toastmaster, and the following toasts were responded to: 1911, Jerome P. Webster '10; Baseball, Henry S. Marlor '10; Track, Cyril B. Judge '10; and 1910, William C. Skinner, Jr., '11.

The members of 1910 are G. C. Capen, H. W. Cook, J. R. Cook, Jr., W. S. Eaton, N. H. Gildersleeve, J. Groves, C. B. Judge, H. S. Marlor, W. F. McElroy, A. L. Potter and J. P. Webster.

These men officiated in taking in the new members from the class of 1911, who are as follows: H. H. Burgwin, J. O. Carroll, W. C. Dewey, S. P. Haight, A. Howell, C. M. Konvalinka, Paul Maxon, E. B. Ramsdell, C. E. Sherman and W. C. Skinner, Jr.

## MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF TRINITY ALUMNI.

On Friday, December 4th, fifteen Trinity men met at the Johns Hopkins Club in Baltimore, and organized the Maryland Association of Trinity Alumni. An informal smoker was held, Rev. Romilly F. Humphries '92, acting as master of ceremonies.

Much enthusiasm over the present condition of the college was in evidence, especially the successful football team. It is planned to hold a smoker every two months at the University Club in Baltimore and an annual dinner in the spring. There are in the state some forty or more Alumni but all Trinity are invited to attend the gatherings of the Association.

Those present were:

- William F. Johnson '66, B. Howell
- Griswold '66, Felix R. Sullivan '66, W. R. Webb '78, J. R. Carter '83, Chas. M. Andrews '84, Romilly F. Humphries '92, Daniel M. Henry '03, C. Jarvis Hariman '05, W. P. Stedman '05, H. G. Barbour '06, P. Dougherty '07, W. H. Licht '07, H. S. Wilcox, '08, J. B. Kilbourn ex-'09.

The officers elected were:

- President, Prof. Chas M. Andrews '84, of the Johns Hopkins University;
- Secretary-Treasurer, H. G. Barbour '06.

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## "NOW THEN—TRINITY"

### EDITORIAL.

The Tripod wishes to put a matter before the college body in the shape of a suggestion. The subject at hand is that of dressing to appear in the city of Hartford. It has been particularly noticeable lately—a laxity of changing campus togs for street clothes when a man goes down town. It is therefore urged that flannel or soft shirts and other kinds of negligee be dispensed with when a man is down town, in order that the college may appear in the best light.

### NOTICE.

The Tripod will suspend publication after the issue of Friday, December 18, until the Thursday after college opens.

### SECOND TEAM PLAYS NEW BRITAIN HIGH.

The second basketball team met the strong five of New Britain High School last Saturday night on the latter's floor. Lack of team work, due to insufficient practice, was responsible for Trinity's defeat, by the score of 32 to 16. Those who represented Trinity were: Buchanan, r. f.; Flanders and Bleecker, l. f.; G. Buck, c.; F. D. Carpenter, r. g.; and Backus, l. g.

### INTERCLASS BASKETBALL SERIES OPENED.

1910 Trims 1909; 1911 Smothers 1912.

#### The 1909-10 Contest.

The preliminaries in the class basketball championship series were played in the gymnasium last evening, the juniors playing the seniors, and the sophomores lining up against the freshmen. Both games were notably milder than last year, but hard and aggressive playing was evident at intervals. The results were surprising to few, as the sophomores greatly exceeded the freshmen in weight and experience, having three varsity players in their line-up; while the team of 1910 consisted entirely of practiced men.

The first half of the upper class contest was the roughest of the whole four periods played. From the start things were "mixed up" with little reference to team play, although it seemed at times as if the juniors must outnumber the senior team, they were so "infinite in everywhereness." During the first two minutes a foul was called against 1909, but Cook failed to make the goal. A moment later Olson tossed the ball into the basket, and repeated this performance almost immediately. For holding by their opponents, the juniors were awarded another free throw, but Cook failed as before. There was a long interval of aimless knocking about with no score, until Capen shot an unexpected goal from the center of the court, bringing down cheers from the well-lined gallery. Cook was given two more opportunities for free goals by the seniors' holding, making the second, after a narrow miss on the first. Just before time was called Abbey succeeded in duplicating Capen's feat of a few minutes before, scoring a basket from the center. Score, first half, Juniors 9, Seniors 0.

When the game was resumed after the first period of the underclass game had been played, the men were all somewhat fatigued, but the Seniors more noticeably so. Olson started the half by a neat goal, and shortly Buck made the first score for the Seniors, followed by Buchanan with the second. Cook and Backus became entangled in such a way as to precipitate the latter upon the floor with some suddenness, for which Buchanan was allowed to attempt a free goal. Connor added two points to the Seniors' before the time-keeper rang the bell. Score, 11-6.

The line-up:  
1909 (6) 1910 (11)  
Buchanan, r f.....r f, (c) Cook  
Connor (c), l f.....l f, Olson  
Buck, c.....c, Abbey  
Butterworth, Dwyer, r g..r g, Carpenter  
Backus, l g.....l g, Capen  
Goals: Olson, 3, Abbey, Capen, Buchanan, Connor, Buck. Goal from foul: Cook. Referee, A. G. Swan.

#### The 1911-12 Game.

The Sophomores, outweighing their opponents an average of twenty pounds or more, had little difficulty in adding another victory to their long list of interclass athletic triumphs. The Freshmen did not succeed in making a single goal from the field, as against twelve by 1911. Gildersleeve's shooting was easily the feature of the game, although he played a guard position. He began

the scoring with a goal from the field and another from foul. The game was signalized by frequent fouling on both sides, though the attempt at goal generally failed. Rough tactics were the rule, the occasional successes of the Freshmen against their heavier opponents being the source of much laughter on the part of the spectators. The playing, however, was all at one end of the court, and at no time did the lower class have a good opportunity to score. The first half ended with the Sophomores leading by 13 to 2, the two points of 1912 being scored by Bleecker on fouls.

The second half was livened up by replacing some of the fatigued players with fresh ones. It proceeded in about the same way as the first half, Gildersleeve, Carroll and Ramsdell shining for the Sophomores, who succeeded in holding the Freshmen to no score, while adding 15 points to their own total.

#### The line-up:

1911 (28) 1912 (2)  
Flanders, Brainerd, r f (c) Bleecker  
Conroy, Knowlton, l f Craik, Humphrey  
Ramsdell, c.....c, Pettigrew, Short  
Carroll (c) r g.....r g, Rankin  
Gildersleeve, ..l g.. Tyrrell, Ingleson  
Goals: Gildersleeve 5, Carroll 3, Ramsdell 2, Conroy, Knowlton.  
Goals from fouls: Gildersleeve 4, Bleecker 2.

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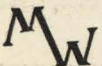
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**ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.**

The annual meeting of the New York Alumni Association was held on Thursday evening, December 3, at Keen's Chop House, 70 W. 36th Street. The Hon. Lawson Purdy, President of the New York Tax Commissioners, presided. A large number of alumni were present, and displayed great interest in the affairs of the Association.

After the disposal of the routine business, and under the head of miscellaneous business, the monthly meetings of the Association were discussed. It was heartily agreed that they were thoroughly satisfactory and a source of much pleasure to those attending them, and it was unanimously decided to continue them in the same manner, time, and place as before. It was urged that every man make a special effort to get to these meetings, and to bring his friends. To insure every man having his college-mates' addresses, the executive committee was ordered to print and distribute the names, with the proper addresses and telephone numbers, of all alumni in the very immediate vicinity of New York City. The old committee on monthly meetings, composed of F. R. Hoisington, '91 and F. C. Hinkel, '06, was re-elected.

The Association assented that the annual banquet of last year was a decided hit, and resolved to hold another one this winter. The whole question was referred to the executive committee with power.

The splendid success of the football season aroused great enthusiasm, and at the suggestion of Mr. P. J. McCook, '95, the hustling and efficient treasurer of the Association, the secretary was directed to write to the captain of the team congratulating him, the coach, the manager, and the squad for the magnificent work performed.

After discussing other matters of interest to the Association, the meeting adjourned.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Hon. Lawson Purdy, '84, Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. E. O. Flagg, '48, Rev. Dr. W. H. Vibbert, '58, Hon. W. E. Curtis, '75, E. S. Beach, '83.

Secretary, F. C. Hinkel, Jr., '06.

Treasurer, P. J. McCook, '95.

Executive Committee, C. E. Hotchkiss, '82, F. R. Hoisington, '91, H. S. Graves, '92, J. J. Penrose, '95, W. S. Langford, '96.

The president and the secretary are ex officio members of the committee.

The annual meeting was preceded by the regular monthly meeting, which, for this occasion, had been transferred from the first Monday of the month. The men dined informally, ordering what was wanted and paying their own checks, unless obliging friends volunteered to do so. The time passed pleasantly in talking over old times, our college of today, and numerous men. The air of a satisfied crowd of good fellows pervaded the gathering.

The next monthly meeting was appointed for Monday evening, Jan. 4, 1909, at 7 p. m., at Keen's Chop House, 70 W. 36th Street, and everybody agreed to come and to bring at least one other fellow.

Among the alumni present at the Trinity-Columbia game in New York last week were: Boller '06, Guilfoil '07, Budd '08, Corbett '08, McKone '08, Henshaw ex-'09, and Dorman ex-'11.

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The celebration of Milton's tercentenary brings into prominence the facts gathered by one statistical writer as to the unusual number of great men, whose centenaries are to be celebrated during the coming year. The year 1809 stands out in history as particularly unique in the number of births that were events of the greatest monument to the world. The honor roll includes men of every calling and every country. Germany, America, and England, however, predominate as to the latter classification, and writers, musicians and statesmen as to the former.

In music the great names that stand indelibly engraved on the pages of history are Mendelssohn and Chopin, born on February 3 and March 1, respectively, of the year 1809. "By their works" we have known them.

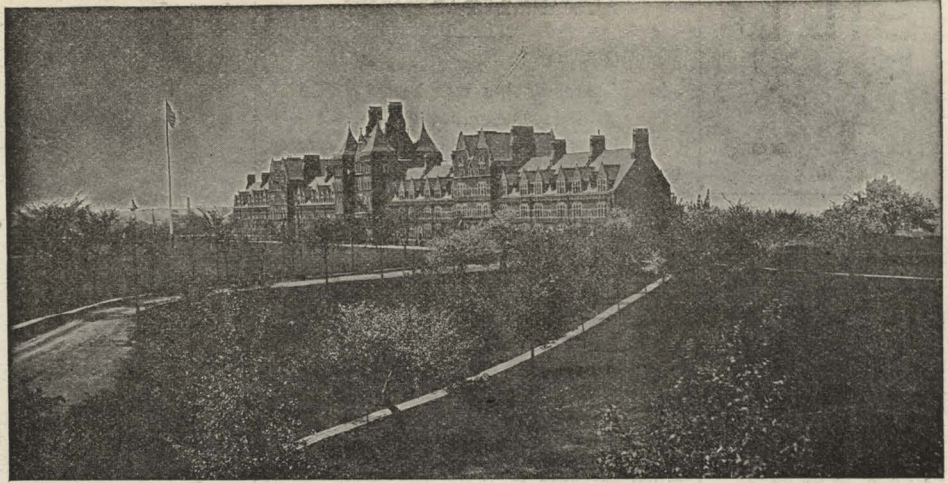
Among scientists, this year marked the birth of Charles Darwin, promulgator of the then radical theory of evolution bearing his name, which has had such a transforming influence upon all branches of scientific research.

Five distinguished men of letters were born in this same year, the most important of them being Edgar Allen Poe (January 19), Alfred Tennyson (August 6), and of particular interest to Americans, Oliver Wendell Holmes (August 29). The other writers were William Kinglake, the historian, and Edward Fitzgerald, the translator and polisher of Omar Khayyam's "Rubaiyat."

Two of the greatest statesmen the English speaking race has ever produced, honored this year of 1809 with their birth, namely, William Ewart Gladstone, England's "grand old man," born on December 29, and Abraham Lincoln, the "greatest American," who was born on February 12. What a contrast in the conditions of their birth and bringing up, Gladstone in an English mansion, and Lincoln in a veritable hovel! And yet to what great heights their genius and moral character led them!

All of these men are dead and gone, but like John Brown, their souls are "marching on." The prominence achieved by different individuals in a university class, such as Dr. White's at Yale, has sometimes been explained as the sharpening of one intellect upon another. In the case of the mass of greatness thrust upon the world in the year 1809, however, we can only turn for explanation to an all-wise Providence, and there the answer is hard to read.

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