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HALF-MILLION ENDOWMENT FUND COMPLETED.

Noble Work of Professor McCook—Many Favorable Comments in Various Papers.

At 11:10 o'clock on the night of December 31st, 1909, the books of the \$500,000 endowment fund for Trinity College were closed with more than this amount raised; and the institution faced the New Year with a spirit and confidence regarding the future, the like of which it has never had since its founding.

On the morning of December 31st, Dr. McCook announced that there was still \$37,823 to be raised before midnight in order to secure the large amount of money which had been given conditionally. It is impossible to tell the story of the raising of this fund, for it was done by the labor of scores of men and the subscriptions of hundreds of people. However, shortly after eleven o'clock this sum was more than raised and Trinity College now faces the New Year with a freedom from financial embarrassments and a prospect of growth and expansion such as it has never had before.

The following is the latest and most complete list of subscribers to the \$500,000.00 endowment fund, which has just been completed. It is believed that this list is very nearly correct, but if there are any mistakes in it, Dr. McCook would be very glad to have his attention called to them before the final list is made up and sent to the Alumni. There are also perhaps many subscriptions which have not yet arrived. These will all be published in the latter list.

At the urgent request of the editors of the *Tripod* Prof. J. J. McCook, "the man of the hour" at Trinity College, gave out the following statement, which is the first that he has issued since the successful completion of the endowment fund of \$500,000.00, which he has just raised:

It is pleasant to be able to announce the completion of our new endowment fund. It passed the \$500,000 mark shortly before midnight of December 31st amid scenes of interest and excitement hardly paralleled in a generation. The total number of subscribers to-day is 1,329 and the total amount subscribed \$502,791, of which \$160,000 is from Hartford. Hartford, therefore, given nearly half as much as has come from all other places together, which is about its history in the past.

The result is due to the earnest and organized work of a great many persons. It would be invidious to mention any individual names, but I may at least refer to the signal service rendered by representatives of the different Fraternities and the different classes. There has been a generous rivalry as to which should exhibit, not so much the greatest

aggregate of subscriptions in money, as the greatest percentage of subscribers. The exact figures cannot now be given and indeed are not likely ever to be published. It is with the results that I am most concerned, and as the methods were in some respects new, so the outcome was altogether gratifying and probably by no one fully anticipated.

At the meeting of the Trustees, June 22, 1909, I reported \$353,760 subscribed, of which \$164,900 was conditional, a considerable part of the latter lapsing January 1st, 1910, unless the whole amount of \$500,000 should have been then subscribed. Up to this time nothing had been published respecting the movement. But little could be done during the summer or in the fall until the first pressure of the work of the New Year was passed. From November 15th consequently until January 1st the entire balance of \$146,240 has been raised. Thirty-seven thousand dollars of it still remained to be secured the morning of December 31st. That so large a sum of money should have been got together in one day by subscriptions numbering over 400 and none of them very large, is probably a thing without precedent. Our success in this was due largely to the earnest efforts of a score or so of our younger alumni who devoted the whole day deep into the night to this work, dropping everything else. We owe them thanks.

We owe our thanks to the givers. Many of the subscriptions were large, most of them were not large. Some of them were extremely small, but meant love and self-denial beyond price and beyond praise. Some of the letters enclosing them were pathetic to the last degree. I wish it were proper to publish them.

We owe thanks to the administration, to the office force, to all the college employees. The last week was a period of great strain and stress. Some were obliged to work night after night until ten and eleven o'clock, and the last night the work was not over until past midnight. They were not working for money. Money could not have bought such service.

Thanks, therefore, to everybody. And now a final word. Many of our own family are not represented on our list. We deeply regret this. We hoped to see every name there. Many abstain because they were not rich; a few because they have ceased to care; but most, I suspect, because they were reluctant to appear with a small subscription by the side of those able to give more. Whatever may have deprived us of these names I now urge that they be

HOCKEY GAME TO-MORROW.

Amherst to be Played.

The first hockey game of the season will take place next Saturday at Elizabeth Park Rink, with Amherst as our opponents. Amherst always turns out a good hockey team and the Trinity men will have to set a stiff pace to make the first game a victory. The hockey season last year was such a great success that the senate has awarded the letters "T H T" to the members of last year's team. The new uniforms have arrived and will be displayed for the first time Saturday. The Elizabeth Park trolley runs directly past the gate of the park, so that a good crowd is expected to turn out and witness the first game. The team has been practicing continually prior to the Christmas holidays and a great amount of team work has been developed. The men were out Wednesday and Thursday of this week and with the good coaching and the practice games that have already been played, a great amount of efficiency has been developed.

The line up:

kept back no longer. A final list will be prepared and published by the College with a few of the facts relating to the subscription as soon as time can be found—perhaps in a fortnight. Let corrections and omissions be supplied for that list.

Again: One of our greatest dangers is likely to be this—that we imagine the whole thing is now done. It is, in fact, only begun. The life of the College is assured, that is all. We can go on at our present rate of expenditure without debt. But we can hardly afford to grow. We are still poor. We need more money, we need more buildings, we need endowments for the buildings. These will come now we hope, but they will not come by themselves. One of our sister institutions has, within two months, received two sums respectively of \$100,000 and \$650,000. The former came from a deceased friend, the latter from a living friend, neither of them graduates of that institution. It is a significant fact that a graduate of the institution, a lawyer of repute, had prepared the will of the first and is said to be an almoner of the giver of the second gift. The fact speaks for itself. Benefactions, whether from the living or the dead, do not come by accident.

Again: One of our most efficient arguments in this campaign was from our rapid growth the past seven years. Is that growth to fall off or to increase? That depends upon fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers and friends, and teachers. The College destination of a boy is not determined by accident, but by those nearest to him. Trinity College people have too often been over-careless, or over-confident, or over-modest. We are sending you copies of recent Hartford papers in order that you may see what you have to be proud

REOPENING OF COLLEGE.

College re-opened after the Christmas recess with a voluntary chapel service, Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. Only a few were present, as most of those planning to be present were delayed by the lateness of the trains. Dr. Luther spoke a few words of welcome and wished all A Happy New Year.

The regular routine of college work was resumed with morning chapel Friday. After the service Dr. Luther spoke briefly of the endowment fund. He said that during the vacation the fund had been completed, one of the most important events in the history of the college since its founding, and that from now on, we could look into the future with much more confidence and hope. He spoke of the debt which we owe to Dr. McCook, without whose untiring efforts, he said, the endowment could not have been secured.

Mr. Schutz, a resident alumnus, was introduced by Dr. Luther and urged all to come to a meeting of the Laymen's Missionary Society, a national society for the evangelization of nations, to be held at Trinity Church, Sunday evening. He said that we could help the society a great deal by our support as students of other institutions would be interested if they saw us taking a part in it.

of in Trinity and what can be done when Trinity men and women do their best. If there is not a great accession to our numbers in consequence of this recent movement it will be nobody's fault but our own.

I cannot close without making allusion to the generous help we have had in our time of need, here in Hartford, from our friends of other colleges, among whom stood out with special prominence graduates of the old New Haven College. They wrote and talked and gave and cheered us on and seemed to be as pleased over the result as we were. We shall never forget them.

J. J. McCook.

The Hartford Times comments editorially on the endowment fund, as follows:

On page 11 The Times prints the full list of subscribers to date to the Trinity endowment fund. The total of this list is \$502,346—a handsome subscription in aid of this worthy institution. Any errors or omissions in the list, if sent to Professor McCook, will be promptly corrected or added. A half million dollars is a goodly sum, but none too large for the rapid growth of the college the past three years and for its prospective growth, which seems now to be assured. It is the hope of The Times that this fund may be more than doubled in the not distant future.

The Courant has the following editorial regarding the \$500,000 endowment fund and Prof. McCook's splendid work
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EDITORIAL.

Trinity has accomplished the raising of the Half-Million Endowment Fund. When this fund was proposed, the conditions were that it was to be completed by January 1st, 1910. Through the untiring efforts of Professor John J. McCook it was accomplished on time. Too much credit and too much praise cannot be awarded him, especially as he did it without giving up his regular college exercises and classes. The Tripod wishes to extend a vote of thanks to Professor McCook.

The interest that is being shown in Trinity, especially by Hartford people, is manifested by the way in which they responded to the appeal for the Endowment Fund. The alumni and undergraduates are very glad to hear this and fully appreciate what has been done for Trinity.

Now that the new year and also the college work has fairly started, it is time for all the students to fully realize that they are students in the strict use of the word and that it is an excellent time for resolutions concerning studies. Resolutions of this kind will be a great help to every undergraduate, but do not consider them in the light of ordinary resolutions which so often become dead letters after a few days or weeks. Just two weeks now separate us from the mid-year examinations. To students who have passed through the ordeal of other mid-years, this warning is sufficient. It only remains, therefore, to caution the freshmen that this is the time above all others in the college year in which good systematic studying should be indulged in and they should realize that these examinations will either make or break them.

Every year we see numbers of our comrades drop out of the race on account of these fatal mid-years and it is the hope of every one in college that this number can be so reduced that the new term will find our ranks full. Let everyone profit by this warning.

NEW YORK ALUMNI DINNERS.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting of the New York Alumni Association in December to arrange for the monthly dinners has selected Reisenweber's Café on Columbus Circle, near the 59th Street subway station, where a large private room with a piano has been provided and arrangements made for serving a course dinner, and has fixed on the following dates, all of which are on the second Monday of the months named: Jan. 10th, March 14th, April 11th, Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th. To those subscribing five dollars to cover the cost of all of the dinners, cards will be furnished. These cards are transferable, so that in case the holder is unable to be present he may turn it over to someone else to use for that evening. Men who are not in a position to subscribe for the entire series are invited to come to any one or more, the regular dinner to be served at a cost of \$1.50. Those coming to each dinner will please notify the Treasurer the day previous.

"No circulars in regard to these dinners are being sent out. Any alumnus who wants to subscribe will kindly communicate with Treasurer, A. D. Vibbert, 51 Wall Street. Twenty-six Alumni have already subscribed for the series."

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in raising it:

The best news the "Courant" prints this New Year's morning is the successful raising of a \$500,000 fund for Trinity College. It is another instance of the generosity and large-heartedness of Hartford people that so much of the money was given here—in the college's home town. What a cause for congratulations and rejoicing! We do not recall an incident richer in its lessons than this—the loyalty to their college shown by the whole body of graduates and undergraduates; the spirit of co-operation shown by the citizens which will bind town and college forever in ties of deeper friendship, and the helping hand extended by those whose hearts were stirred to the aiding of a worthy cause. It's a roll of honor—that list of names published elsewhere this morning, and it is especially gratifying that the number of comparatively small contributions is so great. The appeal was heard and heeded. Thus Hartford has risen to its great opportunity.

Just a word more, and that is a bravo and God-bless-you to Professor J. J. McCook. He bore the brunt of the responsibility, he made a splendid fight, and he won—as McCooks have the habit of doing. To Professor McCook on this New Year's Day should come very pleasurable emotions. The gratitude of all his fellow-graduates and fellow-townsmen, without stint or measure, is his to-day.

The following editorial was printed in the New Haven Journal-Courier concerning the endowment fund. It was also reprinted in the Hartford Courant

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Professor Pynchon was the nephew of the Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Pynchon formerly president of the college.

'97—A. M. Langford is now teaching at St. James' School, Maryland. A. H. Onderdonk '99 is the Headmaster of the school.

'99—B. K. Morse has returned to New York after a year's trip through the mining districts in Canada, and is now with the Arizona-Canea Copper Corporation at 74 Broadway.

We notice with grateful appreciation that by the will of the late John Brainard, D.D., of Auburn, N. Y., the college received a legacy of \$5,000.00. Dr. Brainard was graduated with the class of 1851. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1870. For nearly sixty years he was known as a loyal and steadfast son of Trinity. His collection of documents and pamphlets relating to early history of the college is perhaps more complete than that in our own library.

His son, John M. Brainard, '84, is well known to us all as an active and enthusiastic alumnus, frequent in his visits to Alma Mater, ever ready in her service.

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and the Hartford Times:

Something more has been accomplished by the citizens of Hartford and the friends of Trinity College than the mere raising of an endowment fund for that institution. The purpose of the appeal to the public was to raise a half million dollars to make sure the educational encouragement and the masterful leadership of that excellent college the achievement itself has already made itself felt in every section of that city and throughout the State.

The people of Hartford have spontaneously and voluntarily voted to stand by the college, which has been in need of additional support, not because the new administration is unequal to the demands made upon it, but because the new administration has increased its usefulness as a seat of learning and training. The problem which confronted the president and board of trustees was the problem which success frequently in this life presents when the capital with which to do business and increase business is lacking. The spirit of Trinity has undergone a transformation since Mr. Luther was made its president. More young men have been attracted to its class rooms than ever before, its stand among the smaller colleges of New England has been increased and its reputation has spread, incidents in the life of an educational institution which mean a more liberal financial support and worthy success, or denied help and undeserved failure.

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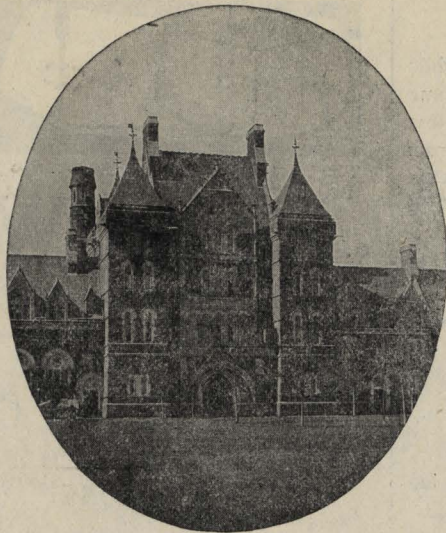
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The people of the State of Connecticut should not permit themselves to overlook this admirable disclosure on the part of the citizens and graduates of Trinity of those silent virtues which lie at the base of real character. It's a fine show.

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