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A. A. ELECTIONS.

Wittington Football Manager and Myers Assistant for 1912.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association held Friday evening, Robert P. Wittington of Pittsfield, Mass., and the class of 1913, was elected manager of the 1912 football team. Wittington has served as assistant manager during the past season. He is a member of the Sophomore Dining Club and of the Alpha Delta Psi Fraternity. Edward J. Myers, 1914, of Collinsville was elected assistant manager for next year by a vote of 54 to 78 over W. B. Spofford, '14, of Claremont, N. H., and E. P. Wroth, '14, of Baltimore, Md. Myers was a member of the freshman baseball team last and has been prominent in class activities. Professors L. C. Barrett, J. D. Flynn and J. G. Gill were elected faculty members of the advisory committee and W. E. A. Bulkely, '80, I. R. Hamilton, '91, and Harvey Pond, '08, alumni members. A vote of thanks was given to J. H. Humphrey, the retiring manager for his able work during the past year.

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PRIZE ESSAYS.

The Committee to whom was assigned the decision upon the merits of the papers contesting for the prizes offered by Messrs. Hart Schaffner & Marx, of Chicago, for 1911, has unanimously agreed upon the following award:

Class A

1—The First Prize of One Thousand Dollars to Harold G. Moulton, Ph. B., University of Chicago, 1907; Instructor of Political Economy in University of Chicago; for a paper entitled "Waterways versus Railways."

2—The Second Prize of Five Hundred Dollars to Harrison H. Brace, 265 La Salle St., Chicago, L. L. B., Union College of Law, 1887; L. L. M., University of Pennsylvania, 1890; for a paper entitled "Value of Organized Speculation."

3—Honorable Mention, to DeWitt C. Poole, Jr., State Department, Washington, D. C.; for a paper entitled "Is the American Cotton Monopoly Secure?"

Class B

1—The First Prize of Three Hundred Dollars to Homer B. Vanderblue, undergraduate in Northwestern University; for a paper entitled "Railroad Valuation."

No Second Prize was awarded.

In deciding upon the relative merits of the papers, the Committee is not responsible for the concrete opinions expressed by the contestants.

J. Laurence Laughlin
J. B. Clark
Henry C. Adams
Horace White
Edwin F. Gay

The next contest which has already been announced closes June, 1912. Prof. Kleene has particulars.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HOCKEY.

Game with Williams Cancelled on Account of Weather.

The hockey team has not been able to play its first game because of weather conditions. A game was scheduled with Williams for last Saturday, but this has been canceled. The rest of the schedule, which includes Amherst, Springfield Training School, Massachusetts Agricultural School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, remain intact for the present.

One of the things which the team needs in order to play through the schedule is money. The project of building a rink for the coming season has been given up but the team should have about fifty dollars to help carry on the present season. Manager Little issues a general call for the student body to come forward. All those who are able should give something towards the support of the hockey team.

Hockey is dependent on the weather to a very large extent but when the cold weather does come money is the only thing needed to keep the sport going. Hockey is the only sport Trinity is taking part in this winter and that must not be given up for lack of funds.

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NEW YORK ALUMNI MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the New York Association of the Alumni was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 7th, at the City Club, 55 West 44th Street, New York City.

After a short business session, there was a smoker, during which refreshments were served. There was a large attendance, and the Alumni pledged anew their loyalty to the college.

Of course the splendid football team was a source of great enthusiasm. The Association expressed its hearty appreciation of the work of the manager and the squad and especially of Prof. Gettell, who has put Trinity on the football map and made her one of the great teams of the country.

The Association decided to hold the usual annual dinner after the holidays, and the arrangements were left to the Executive Committee. This dinner has become one of the biggest events of the Alumni year, and will be better than ever this time.

The following officers were elected for the year 1911-1912: President, William E. Curtis, 1875; Vice-Presidents, Dr. T. M. L. Chrystie, 1863, William P. Clyde, 1865, Grenville Kane, 1875, Charles E. Hotchkiss, 1882; Secretary, Frederick C. Hunkel, Jr., 1906; Treasurer, Philip J. McCook, 1895; Executive Committee, Chairman, William E. Curtis, 1875; Secretary, Frederick C. Hunkel, Jr., 1906; Treasurer, Philip J. McCook, 1895; Rev. Samuel S. Mitchell, 1885, Frederick R. Hoisington, 1981, John J. Penrose, 1895, Murray H. Coggeshall, 1896, Aubrey D. Vibbert, 1899.

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AN ELECTION SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

The method of election now in vogue in the student body, the classes, and the athletic association is open to many objections, and has been widely criticized. In the first place, it requires too many ballots, which means too long a time to spend and too many chances for error. It is unbusinesslike and largely destroys the secrecy of the ballot. Secondly, it gives an excellent chance for very clever political manipulation, and very often results in the elimination on the first ballot of the man who would have defeated the man elected if given a chance to run against him. For example, suppose in a class meeting with 50 present and voting, Smith, Jones, and White are nominated for an office. On the first ballot Smith receives 20 votes, Jones 18 and White 12. On the second, with White eliminated, Smith again receives his 20 original votes, and Jones all the rest. Now it may be that Smith's followers would greatly have preferred White to Jones, and if they had been called upon to choose between the two would have voted for White, electing him over Jones by 32 to 18. This is only one way in which the best candidate may be defeated.

The way out of such difficulty is simple. Permit only one ballot, and have each voter place thereon the names of all the candidates in the order of choice. In the above instance, supposing Jones' followers preferred White to Smith, the result would have been:

	1sts	2nds	3rds
Smith.....	20	0	30
Jones.....	18	12	20
White.....	12	38	0

Now award 3 points for a first, 2 for a second, and 1 for a third. (If there had been four candidates, then 4 points for first, etc.) By this it is seen that White receives 112 points, Jones 98, and Smith 90. This is exactly right and just, for White would have beaten either of the other candidates if allowed to run against him alone, and Jones did actually defeat Smith in our hypothetical case.

In formal elections like those of the athletic association, ballots might be printed bearing the names of the candidates, the voter having merely to mark the members, 1, 2, 3, etc., indicating his order of choice.

This system is, I believe, absolutely scientific, and the only one that assures the election of the man desired by a majority.

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JUSTICE.

Editor's Note: We invite the opinions of mathematicians concerning this system of voting.

"RIGHT WING'S" OPINION.

Chooses Representative Defensive and Offensive Elevens of East.

There is so much specializing under the present rules of football, and so much difference between offensive and defensive work, that *Right Wing*, in making out his All-Eastern aggregation for this season, considers it necessary to put in different men for each of these two phases of the game. He really makes out two teams, each excelling in its particular purpose, neither being considered by him inferior to the other as an All-Eastern team. In some cases, he considers certain men as being unexcelled either on the offense or defense,—among them Hudson, who appears as full-back in both line-ups.

In giving his reasons for his selections, *Right Wing* (who is not Randall, as was stated in a previous article, but Reed, of Cornell, probably the best and most unprejudiced critic of the game in the country), says, "In the attacking backfield I have placed Wendell of Harvard, Thorpe of Carlisle, and Hudson of Trinity. This fits the team with two hard line-breakers in Wendell and Hudson, and a fast and slippery end-runner in Thorpe. Hudson, to my mind, is the best heavyweight interferer in the East, as well as being the strongest first man in the defense. With Wendell and Hudson jamming into the line and through quick openings outside of guard and tackle, and with a fast man like Thorpe going after the ends, the running attack ought to be as good as could possibly be found in any combination. * * * Hudson, I have watched closely, and have obtained a further line on his work from other and reliable sources."

"In the defensive territory I would keep Hudson on the team, and support him with Dalton of the Navy, the longest kicker and one of the best tacklers on the field. * * * Neither Thorpe nor Wendell is as good as Hudson or Dalton on defense. ***In the attacking team, Howe's onside kicking and forward passing, covered by such ends as Smith and Bomeisler, would be extremely dangerous, and Wendell, Thorpe, or Hudson, Bomeisler or Smith, might get loose at any moment."

In speaking of possibilities, he says, "Kinney of Trinity (tackle), had the added qualification of being a good kicker of placement goals from the field. * * * Ahern, of Trinity, a real, fighting end, was a little too light to bear the brunt of hard interference." Collett and Lawlor are mentioned as being among the best possibilities for half-backs. In his summary of teams in general, he mentions Trinity as being one of the teams that played the best football.

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COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

The tendency of college classes to regard their honest debts in the light of a joke is proverbial. It seems to be a matter almost of pride to be able to say that one's class is a hundred dollars in debt for its freshman banquet, fifty for its sophomore hop, another fifty for its smoker, and anywhere from seventy-five to two hundred for its promenade. The debts for the Ivy and for damages on St. Patrick's Day are also objects of rivalry.

But the joke has a boomerang effect when commencement time comes 'round. Then the creditors send their bills to the college treasurer and the class is notified that its diplomas will be held up until the bills are paid. Perhaps half the men who began the wild career of extravagance in the freshmen year are left in college, and they must pay for the follies of the deadheads as well as for their own. This puts a premium on honest endeavor for a degree, and offers an inducement to drop behind and leave college before graduation.

Two remedies may be suggested,—the first, that class debts must be paid during the year in which they are contracted. This would mean at least that the men who enjoyed the revel would have to pay for the music. But the second suggestion goes deeper—that some official check be put upon this reckless incurring of obligations. The college body should authorize the Senate to require financial schedules in advance of the principal class functions, and to pass upon them. Merchants should be warned to extend no credit except when the expenditure is approved by the Senate. Immediately after such functions the class treasurers should be required to present a full report of receipts and expenditures, and of bills payable and receivable, to the Senate, which should direct the manner of liquidation. In this way the credit of college organizations would be greatly improved, and honest associations would no longer suffer by reason of the irresponsible acts of class officers and committees. The results would be beneficial to all, most of all to the classes, whose members are now made to suffer for the carelessness and laziness of a few.

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Among those present were: R. W. Linen, '62, Dr. T. M. L. Chrystie, '63, W. E. Curtis, '75, Grenville Kane, '75, Rev. M. K. Bailey, '79, Lawson Purdy, '84, Rev. S. S. Mitchell, '85, F. R. Hoisington, '91, P. J. McCook, '95, J. J. Penrose, '95, M. H. Coggeshall, '96, A. D. Vibbert, '99, A. T. Wynkoop, '01, J. A. Wales, '01, P. H. Bradin, '03, E. J. Dibble, '04, C. E. Gostenhofer, '05, C. G. Randle, '05, E. M. Hunt, '06, F. C. Hunkel, '06, Rev. John Furrer, '07, Martin Taylor, '08, Bern Budd, '08, L. J. Dibble, '09, S. E. McGinly, '09, Joseph Groves, '10, R. L. Wright, '10.

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ALUMNI NOTES.
 There has been a new association formed among some of the Alumni, called the T. C. Y. A. W. M. B. A. This signifies the Trinity College Young Alumni Workingmen's Mutual Benefit Association. By unanimous consent A. E. Rankin, 1911, was chosen president, and all the other offices of the association devolve upon him in this official capacity. There are eight members of the association.
 '98—Rev. Henry J. Quick, '98, died at St. Luke's Hospital, New York, on Friday morning, December 8th.

IS THE RAH, RAH BOY AESTHETIC?
 "Is Mr. Taft catering to the silent vote? When he calls the college yell 'barbaric' he strikes a blow at a cherished product of higher education. No more forceful means of collegiate expression has yet been discovered. In its development, poetry and music have gone hand in hand. The college yell is the almost perfect adaptation of sound to lack of sense.
 Authorities hold that the perfect yell is based on the bray of the Missouri mule, alternating with the notes of the game rooster, modified by the trumpet motive of the automobile horn. War whoops and the sound of a keg of nails falling down the cellar stairs, furnish an impressive crescendo, while the most effective farewell is a cross between the song of a dying calf and the wail of a lost soul. These finer shadings are lost on the fat man who has no ear for music. But they do express the deeper emotions of a freshman turned loose on a civilized community.
 "The college yell is the sweetest music in the world to me!" exclaimed a New England college president in his inaugural address a few weeks ago. Thus spoke a soul attuned to the higher melody, one who can enjoy and understand the music of the megaphone."—*Baltimore Sun.*

NOTES.
 John Vizner, '15, is back at college after a two weeks' stay in a Norwich, Conn. hospital as the result of a dislocated hip.
 John Stadtmuller, '14, has recovered from an appendicitis operation at the Hartford Hospital.
 R. H. Bent, '15, is at the Hartford Hospital from a splinter in his knee, received in the "gym" Saturday afternoon.

UNDERCLASS FOOTBALL.
 On account of the condition of the field, and the danger of injury to both players and uniforms, the Faculty Advisory Committee has forbidden the playing of the regular Freshmen-Sophomore game this fall. It is probable that the game will be played next spring.

GLEE CLUB AT GLASTONBURY.
 The Glee Club is to give its first concert at Glastonbury next Friday evening. They have been practising steadily through the fall on new music as well as some of the old Trinity songs. A large number of last year's club are back at college and there is some promising material in the freshmen class, so that the club numbers about thirty men, and should be especially good this year.

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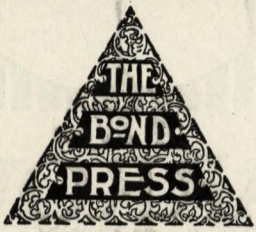
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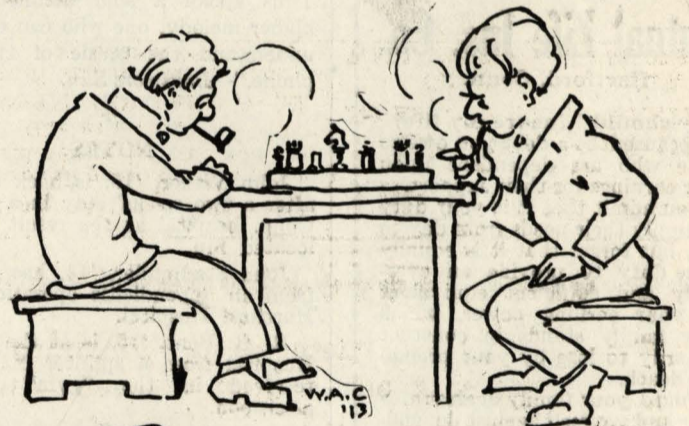
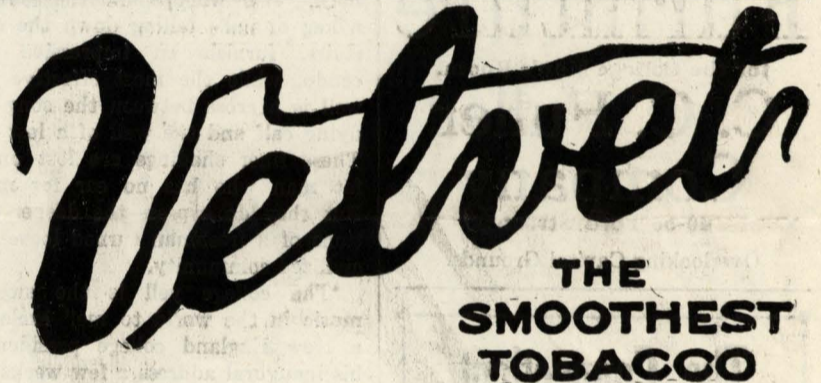
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