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HAVERFORD GAME SATURDAY.

Good For Blue and Gold Victory.

Things now look as if Saturday's game with Haverford would be an easy victory for Trinity. This week the 'Varsity has been showing good speed, while Coach Gettell has been putting them through hard signal drills. Tuesday some time was spent on improving the team's work in recovering punts. The weakness of the team in this line was shown in Saturday's game. Wednesday afternoon there was a short scrimmage practice. The men left Hartford at 8.29 a. m. this morning for New York City.

The only game by which we can compare Haverford and Trinity, is the N. Y. U. game with Trinity. Haverford played a very close game with Rutgers, who in turn tied N. Y. U., while Trinity was unable to score on N. Y. U.

The men who will take the trip Friday are: Capt. Howell, Ahern, Bleecker, John Moore, James Moore, Kinney, D. Howell, Cook, Lawlor, Collett, Hudson, Gildersleeve, B. Smith, Wessels, D. Clark, Hall.

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BROWN NONE TOO CONFIDENT.

With the defeat of Brown by Yale at New Haven last Saturday by a score of 15 to 0, Brown's chances for a premier rating have gone. This means that Brown will put up a hard fight against Trinity on Nov. 25th. Ever since the Brown-Yale game the Brown coaches have been driving the team hard and there is no let-up in their practice as is usual for the Brown football teams after the Yale game. The Brown team lacks cohesion, however, and in the games they have won, their scores have resulted from touchdowns made by long runs. With weak teams this has been possible but against teams of equal strength, the Brown team has been defeated. It can be seen from these facts that Trinity has a fine chance of defeating Brown, if the team plays its usual fast game.

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SHATTUCK CLUB.

Alumni of the School Gather at Trinity.

Last Saturday evening the first meeting of the "Shattuck Club" of New England was held at Trinity, where several graduates of the school are at present. It was planned to have a general reunion of the couple of dozen Shattuck men who are attending college in New England at some time next spring. Visiting members were guests at the college over Sunday. Shattuck, it might be mentioned, is the splendid preparatory school at Faribault, Minn.

ARTICLE BY PRES'T LUTHER.

Education in New England Discussed in "Connecticut Farmer"

In a recent number of the *Connecticut Farmer*, an article by President Luther is published. The following is the substance of it:

For a great many years New England has led the country in education. The very heart of New England education is Connecticut. There is a certain leadership in such matters which belongs to New England by something not greatly differing from hereditary right. Besides the professional schools and colleges, there are in the six New England States at the present time twenty-six colleges for men and women, with another organized, endowed, and presently to begin its work. It is interesting to think that Harvard was founded only sixteen years after the settlement of Plymouth Rock, or at the time the first children would have been of college age. As fast as settlements were made schools were founded, so that New England schools and settlements are always spoken of together. From necessity the course was much simpler than at the present, there were few text-books and sometimes the teachers were poorly educated, but in the end it amounted to about the same thing. Jealousy between small units of population hindered the growth of the schools, so did the scarcity of population. But they have grown until at the present time there are more than sixty high schools, besides seventy preparatory and boarding schools for girls and eighty-three boarding schools for girls. Now every boy or girl may get a high school education if he or she will only work.

In New England there still remains an idea, which is a finer thing than the splendid school-houses, which have been erected on every hand, more fruitful than the mechanical principles of organization, more effective than wisely-selected text-books. It is this—the firm belief in the value of education, the general abandonment of the theory that the red school-house is the last thing in education, and the determination of the people that what was good for the parents is not good enough for the children.

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PHI GAMMA DELTA INITIATION.

The Tau Alpha Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta held its annual initiation on Saturday evening, Nov. 11. Those initiated were:

Alfred J. L'Heureux,
H. Jerome Livermore,
Robert R. Smith,
Charles S. Senay,
Francis T. Curley,
James P. Murray,
Ronald E. Kinney,
Cyrus T. Steven,
Clifton Wright,
Austin E. Hodge.

BISHOP THOMAS SPEAKS.

Addresses Y. M. C. A. concerning the Ministry.

Bishop Thomas of Wyoming gave a very interesting discourse Tuesday night under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He spoke of a minister's work in the world, and of the advantages for service to be found in that profession. He also spoke very interestingly of his own work in Wyoming, showing from his own experience, how a clergyman can serve mankind for good as no other professional man.

The history room was crowded, and the talk made an extremely favorable impression on those who were fortunate enough to be present.

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NOTES.

The attention of the students is called to the faculty ruling by which all students who enter chapel or church after the officiating clergymen has announced the opening hymn are marked absent.

Professor Arthur Adams of the department of English was one of the collaborators in the work of editing the "Concordance to the Poems of Wordsworth", just issued from the press. The work was edited for the Concordance Society, of which Professor Adams is a member, by Professor Lane Cooper of Cornell University.

Mr. Gordon Wordsworth's estimate of the work is found in these words taken from his letter to the editor: "You have built up what to my mind is by far the most enduring monument that has ever yet been raised to my grandfather's memory".

Of course we all like to read a good book in which the scene, even though disguised, is readily recognizable as being in haunts familiar and dear to our own selves. When the atmosphere of the plot, and the very incidents of the story are the atmosphere which surrounded the place when we were there and the incidents which happened to us likewise, this interest and enjoyment is increased an hundredfold.

In the college library is a book, "Winning the Junior Cup", by S. R. Fuller, Jr., 1900, the scene of which is laid in "Washington College". According to the description, "It is situated at the top of Zion Ridge, on the southern outskirts of Hartville, and looks down, as a mother might, upon the roofs of the thriving city which it has watched since infancy. The nucleus of the college proper is a long line of connected stone buildings which reach from one end of the campus to the other. These buildings are respectively, as you come from Madison Street: Gerald Hall, Southam Towers, and Middlebury Hall. In Gerald the many entries lead you only to student domiciles. In Southam Towers are more student domiciles, the office of the *Washington Spectator* and the college store.

MINOR SPORTS COUNCIL.

Meeting Held for Organization and Elections.

The Minor Sports Council organized Tuesday evening with the following officers: chairman, Harry Wessels, '12; secretary, T. F. Flanagan, '12; Faculty Representative, Dr. LeRoy C. Barret, Professor of Latin. The other members of the association are: Wm. Short, Jr., '12; C. R. Whipple, '12 and W. B. Spofford, '14, of the senate, and D. S. Pulford, '12, manager of the tennis team; John B. Moore, '13, manager of the basketball team; T. Wolcott Little, '14, manager of the hockey team. The question of basketball was brought up and discussed. There will soon be another meeting of the association at which time the minor sports will be put on a firmer basis.

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THE FAULTS OF MODERN COLLEGES.

Interesting Article by a Columbia Undergraduate.

In the November issue of the *Atlantic Monthly* there is an article by Randolph S. Bourne, an undergraduate at Columbia, on "The College: An Undergraduate View", which contains a very interesting discussion of present-day intellectual and social life at college. To begin with, Mr. Bourne finds a state of unrest existing among educators as to the colleges and an inclination to lay the blame for the college's faults, not on the undergraduate, but on the college itself. College life, he declares, is beginning to be much less democratic than formerly, since outside society is also much less democratic than formerly. A growing

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The buildings are peaked and turreted; and, with their ivy covered walls and the green, elm-skirted campus before them, they present a picture which resembles the older English Universities".

Even if the barely disguised names did not reveal the true scene, any one familiar with Trinity would readily recognize in the above a description of the college. The very life of the book itself is the life of Trinity; a set of freshman rules is worked into the story, which is essentially identical with the rules recently received by the class of '15. Finally, the "Junior Cup" itself is recognized as being no less an object than our time-honored lemon squeezer. The plot is well thought out, and the whole book well written. We wish the author every success in this and all subsequent writings.

Mr. Harry W. Laidler, the organizer of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, addressed the Society for the Study of Socialism yesterday afternoon. Mr. Laidler strongly urged the local society to affiliate with the national organization.

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"NOW THEN, TRINITY."

The organization of a minor sports council is an event whose significance is too little understood by the student body and the faculty. Heretofore the sports not under the Athletic Association have been little better than private ventures, whose promoters were responsible to no one, though fortunately possessed of enough honor, personal and social, to keep the name of the college, of which they were custodians, free from any indelible stain. In the nature of such things, however, there are too many opportunities for regrettable accidents and incidents, and the unfortunate occurrence of a succession of these was the cause of the basketball team's compulsory dissolution.

It is safe to predict that, if the minor sports council does half the work expected of it, there will be a *novus ordo*, and the lesser athletic teams will be raised to a position of dignity and even of honor. But the council must first attain this position for itself. Its work will be under careful observation and any real progress will not lack applause.

REPLIES TO DR. SCUDDER.

The *Tripod* has received a number of interesting letters from alumni, referring to Dr. Scudder's letter published Nov. 3rd, but their great length makes it impossible to print them in full. We give, however, extracts from some of the most significant communications.

*** For one, it seems to me that the *Tripod* is steadily improving. Brains and work are doing it.

The sins of the *Tripod* in coming out late, calling Mr. A. Brown, "01," when he has always "re-uned" with the class of '78, or missing some news now and then are not so serious by far as the underlying and at least twice expressed charges of Dr. Scudder regarding the College as a whole.

If he is right the College is "going to Hell," and with a vengeance.

"Whiny appeals for the support of the alumni"—"the petty weak spirit of the Trinity undergraduate."—the narrow Trinity point of view."

Stuff and nonsense.

Who makes up the Trinity football teams? Trinity undergraduates.

Football elevens from various well-known colleges that have been facing Trinity players for the past few years can hardly apply whiny, petty or weak to those men.

Who are the ones that go out and cheer for the Trinity teams whether they win or lose—though not much of that latter—? Trinity undergraduates.

Who are the fellows who pass 60 per cent. entrance requirement and keep it up sufficiently to stay in college? Trinity undergraduates.

Have you met them, Dr. Scudder? They do not act or talk like molly-coddles. They love Trinity. They work for her. They know they are far from perfect but they are determined that every year we shall see a bigger and a better college.

And we are seeing it too.

Kick them now and then. It's good medicine. But let us not be too eager to show an outside audience, always pleased over such sights, that we believe college is going to hell and that there is no god in Israel?

Secret practice and star chamber chastisement are sometimes preferable.

Yours truly,

RALPH REED WOLFE, '08.

While the *Tripod* is moving steadily forward, and I know you cannot please everybody all the time, I think there is a certain amount of justification in my friend Scudder's complaint.

Perhaps I am still nearer the Undergraduate in that I look for the football games first. Nevertheless, I also look for other things for which I am less sure to find.

It seems inconceivable that you cannot always spare space for such very important matters as new policies, additional courses, contributions to the library, Trinity's place in the college world outside of athletics, etc. Have you not sometime failed to print available items of this sort? If so, I must conclude either that you do not believe as much as I in the importance of doing so, or that your news gatherers do not seek the matter where and when it is to be found.

I congratulate you upon the *Tripod's* rapid progress. Your paper is always read with interest by at least the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

P. J. MCCOOK, '95.

*** As far as comparing the *Tripod* with other college papers of that nature goes, I can't say much. I'm right busy

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out here in Ohio and haven't much time to read "college papers". All I see of them is the *Tripod* and the Dartmouth paper (I am living with a Dartmouth man,—and by the way he reads the *Tripod* regularly and likes it). And I can't see any difference in them except of course that the *Tripod* interests me a great deal more. ***

SIDNEY W. FISKE, '06.

*** The *New York Times* prints this on its front page: "All the news that's fit to print". The *Trinity Tripod* might publish on its front page the following: "All the news the alumni will give us". It might serve to remind certain alumni that the *Tripod* is doing its best. In closing I should like to quote a modern slang phrase which has a beautiful principle back of it: "If you can't boost, don't knock". ***

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Alumni Notes.

'96—The decision at Princeton allow-
ing the orange and black a field goal
from a drop-kicked ball, which struck
the ground and bounded over the cross-
bar placed W. S. Langford, '96, in an
unenviable position. Langford is thor-
oughly conscientious and competent
and no football official takes more pains
to act fairly than he does. Other
officials declared that his was the only
possible decision under the rules.

'10—Charles Hobby Bassford is work-
ing with Augustus Thomas, the New
York playwright, and is studying law at
Fordham law School. Horace R.
Bassford is studying electrical engineer-
ing at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

'10—Irving Wright Smith is teaching
in Crosby High School, Waterbury,
Conn. The subjects which he teaches
are history and geometry.

'11—Reginald Burbank is studying
at the Cornell Medical University,
New York City. He is living at
No. 126 East 29th Street.

'11—Frank J. Brainerd is working
with the Brainerd, Shaller and Hall
Quarry Co., Portland, Conn.

'11—Arthur C. Eaton is with the
Eaton, Crane and Pike Paper Co.,
Pittsfield, Mass. Until recently his
work took him to Bangor, Me., but at
present he is in Pittsfield.

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number of city men go to college, and
city men are much less democratic than
those from the country. The small
college is beginning to succumb to this
evil influence, whereas hitherto small
colleges have been the stronghold of
democracy. Another factor is the in-
creasingly large number of aliens in our
colleges, producing class distinctions.
These force the Americans to draw
together for purposes of defence and to
fall back on their vested rights of privi-
lege. The fact that the Americans can
not prevent aliens gaining honors in
scholarship makes the Americans rather
despise honors gained thus because of
their accessibility to all. Thus they
turn to extra curricular activities as a
superior field for distinction. The
result is a lowering of scholarship
throughout.

Then many college students of today
come from homes where there is little
intellectual life, and, brought into an
intellectual atmosphere at college, would
be entirely out of place. They have no
sympathy with their instructors and the
end is usually a struggle between the
man having intellectual power and the
one supposedly seeking it.

Mr. Bourne also claims that a college is
too prone to lay stress on its athletics.
Instructors meeting students outside of
classes talk of athletics when they might
talk of studies.

The cure for these evils, in Mr.
Bourne's opinion, is the introduction of
a new spirit into college life, a process
now taking place. The union of a
humanistic spirit with a scientific point
of view is the ideal and it seems on the
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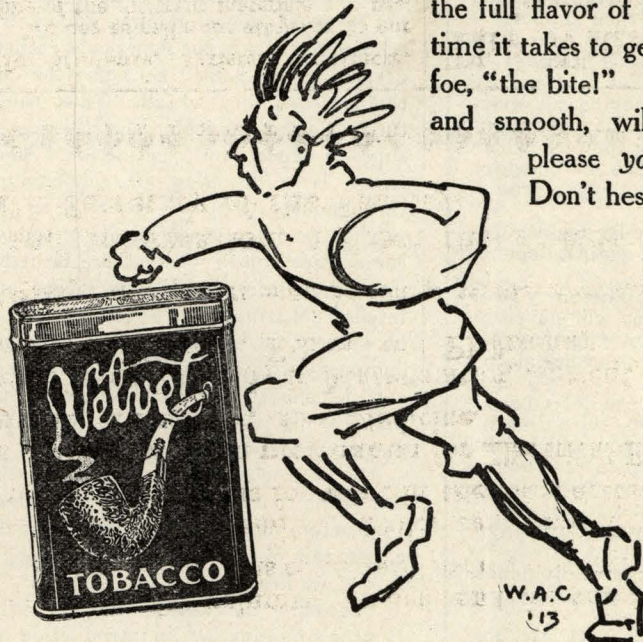
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