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#### NEW YORK ALUMNI.

### Professor Gettell Guest of Honor at Annual Dinner.

The annual dinner of the New York alumni was held on Thursday evening, February 15, 1912, at the Hotel Manhattan, New York City.

Prof. Raymond G. Gettell was the guest of honor, and the alumni turned out in large numbers to greet him and thank him for his splendid work for Trinity football. All the speakers paid tribute to him, and agreed that he had put Trinity on the football map.

The dinner was served in the state dining-room, and the party was seated at small tables tastefully decorated with flowers. The dinner was given over to the athletic side of the college. The Hon. William E. Curtis, '75, presided, and unusually well. He is not an ex-athlete, but plays a good game of golf now. The only reason Mr. Curtis was not an athlete in his college days is because athletics then had hardly started. Studies were really considered more important.

The other speakers were Professor Raymond G. Gettell, Dr. F. S. Luther, Harmon S. Graves, 492, William S. Langford, '96, and George N. Hamlin, '91. The others at the head table were Dr. Wilfred R. Martin of the Hispanic Society, a former Trinity professor, well known to Trinity men and well loved by 'old boys:" Lawson Purdy,'84, President of the New York Board of Tax Commissioners; J. Cleveland Cady, LL. D., a prominent architect; Rev. Dr. William H. Vibbert, '58, a trustee of the college; and Dr. Thos. M.L. Chrystie, '63.

The first speaker, Professor Gettell, was enthusiastically received by the alumni. He thanked them for inviting him to the dinner and for their expressions of good-will. He modestly refused to take all the credit for the successful football teams, and stated that he had had good, loyal squads to work with. Professor Gettell thought that football was worth while, and that men who could play football well could study well. Aside from the physical benefit to the player, the game taught self-reliance, quick-thinking, team play and the sacrifice of the individual for the common good, and a wholesome, sportsmanlike fighting spirit. He told interesting things of football work at Trinity and of the standing of the players in class and college.

Dr. Luther made a regular Luther speech, enjoyed by all. He insisted that he is the greatest first baseman the college has had, and everybody had to believe him. He remarked that he was a regular rooter at games, and was glad to encourage athletics. He expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Prof. Gettell and the team, and commended the fighting spirit shown in the Wesleyan game last fall. He added that the football men had come through the recent trials of examinations with good standing. Dr. Luther said that the college was doing other things besides football, and gave a short history

### DR. LUTHER STARTS WEST.

### Will Speak at Many Preparatory Schools.

Dr. Luther leaves today for an extended Western trip, in the course of which he will visit many preparatory With the exception of tomorrow, when he will be en route for Chicago, and the day he will spend on the return trip, Dr. Luther will be speaking most of the time from now until March the ninth. The first school he will visit is Shattuck Hall, Faribault, Minn. On Saturday the 24th he goes to Milwaukee, and from there to St. John's School at Delafield. Other schools where he will speak, are: the Colt Grammar School at Racine, St. Alban's School, Knoxville, Ill., Howe School, Culver Military Academy, the schools in Detroit, St. John's School. Manlius, and the Academy in Utica.

The grind of the trip will be decidedly lessened when Dr. Luther reaches Detroit on Monday, March 4th. The alumni are very plentiful in Detroit, and they always give Dr. Luther a very hearty welcome and a big dinner on the night of his arrival.

### NEW ASSISTANT.

Dr. Robert M. Yergason, a graduate of the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, has taken charge of the course in bacteriology.

of the year. He appealed for more men, more buildings, more money, more everything, and asked the alumni to boost the college.

The other speakers were prominent and popular Trinity men. Harmon Graves, '92, is an old baseball and football-captain, and one of the best we ever had. He is an authority on football and a well-known coach. "Billy" Langford, '96, is also an old football captain, and today is the best-liked and most efficient football official in the country. George Hamlin, '91, is famous as a baseball player and one of Trinity's crack pitchers. George pitched the only game Trinity has won from Yale. This trio were good athletes in college and are making good now. They also good speakers, and their brother alumni were glad to hear from them. They spoke on athletics and of Professor Gettell's part in Trinity football.

After the speeches, "'Neath the Elms" closed the formal program. The alumni lingered to talk over old times until the late hour compelled a reluctant dispersal.

The dinner committee was composed of the following men: William E. Curtis, 75, chairman, Frederick C. Hinkel, Jr., '06, secretary-treasurer, Rev. Samuel S. Mitchell, '85, Frederick R. Hoisington, '91, Philip J. McCook, '95, John J. Penrose, '95, Murray H. Coggeshall, '96, Aubrey D. Vibbert, '99.

#### HOCKEY SEASON OVER.

### Game with Rensselaer Cancelled.

The game with Rensselaer Polytechnic which was scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled by Manager Little, bringing the hockey season to a close.

In spite of the amount of good material in college, the team was not as successful as was anticipated, partly on account of the late appearance of ice, and consequently short time for practice. A game with Williams had to be cancelled on account of the weather, and the games played, with Amherst, and the Massachusetts 'Aggies" both resulted in defeat.

The result of the hockey season brings home the question of the need of an indoor hockey rink, easily accessible from college, if we wish to have a successful team. At present, the amount of practice the team gets is entirely dependent on the weather, and moreover, they are forced to go all the way to Elizabeth Park, a trip requiring almost an hour each way, so that the time for practice is materially shortened.

### INDOOR MEET TUESDAY.

## Preparatory to Track Season.

A track meet will be held in the Gymnasium Tuesday night, Feb.20th, under the direction of Dr. Swan. The following events will take place: 15 vard dashes, running high jump, rope climb, ring vault, fence vault, potato race, relay races and standing broad jump. There are a good number of entries and all the contestants are in good form. The meet will be preparation for the armory and the later indoor meets.

### -X-CLASS ELECTIONS.

The results of the recent elections of the senior and freshman classes are

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The freshman class is busy making its plans for the St. Patrick's Day scrap which is just about a month away.

### \* NOTICE.

All the fraternities and the neutral body will please make their selections for members of the Senior Nominating Committee as soon as possible. The meeting for the purpose of nominating class-day officers will be held Monday, February the twenty-seventh at 4 p. m.

C. CARPENTER.

### TRINITY ALUMNI BANQUET. Graduates Gather at the Allyn House.

The annual banquet of the Hartford alumni was held Saturday evening at the Allyn House, with an enthusiastic gathering of seventy-five loyal sons present. The hall was decorated with Trinity banners and the tables were arranged in the form of a "T". The hall rang during the evening with long "Trins" and songs.

An orchestra furnished popular and college strains during the courses. speakers drew great applause for their efforts, and the occasion proved one of the best in the history of the association.

J. Humphrey Greene, '91, acted as toastmaster, and introduced as the first speaker President Flavel S. Luther, who spoke on the affairs of the college. He welcomed back to Hartford Professor Henry Ferguson, who has been headmaster of St.Paul's School, Concord, N. H., for several years since he left his duties as professor of history at Trinity.

Mayor Smith was described by the toastmaster as a "courageous man." He got a regular "Trin" as he started

Philip Curtis, '06, read an amusing essay on "Heredity."

Clement C. Hyde, principal of the Hartford Public High School, described Trinity men who were graduated from Hartford High School as the blue ribbon exhibit of the "made in Hartford"

Rev. Dr. Henry Ferguson expressed his pleasure at returning to Hartford. He contrasted conditions in numbers, finance, scholarship and athletics at Trinity since he left.

Prof. Raymond G. Gettell emphasized the educational value of football.

Robert P. Butler, '05, told of the position of Trinity in the hearts of the people of Hartford.

The banquet closed with the singing of "'Neath the Elms."

### X THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The new catolague has finally made its appearance, and is a great deal like its predecessor in general make-up. The usual lists of the Trustees, Faculty, Undergraduates, etc., are continued in it. The most radical change is the adoption of a new point system for entrance and for computation of work done in college. This system is identical with that of the Middle States Examination Board. Thus there will no longer exist the confusion between the different systems when a man has taken the Middle States Exams. The general appearance of the book is that of quietness and simplicity.

### PROFESSOR PERKINS TO LECTURE.

Sometime early in March, Professor Henry A. Perkins will lecture on Ultra-microscopy in Boardman Hall. Everyone interested is invited to attend. The date will be given out later.



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## "NOW THEN, TRINITY."

It is the duty of every undergraduate who has come through the recent examinations in a manner which does not give him complete satisfaction to ask himself the cause and to guard against its recurrence. Introspection is one of the most valuable of our assets for we are thus enabled to correct our own faults. We venture to say that few men are completely satisfied with themselves, and if they are, they had better beware, so it is up to every one of us to attempt to make steps towards what we vitally know to be for our welfare. Now is a splendid opportunity for working out a new order of things so that when the next period of trial comes we can all be prepared.

### NOTICE.

There will be no issue of The Tripod on Friday, the 23rd, on account of the Washington's Birthday holiday.

BIOLOGY LECTURE.

Professor East of Harvard Speaks on the Application of Biology to Plant Culture.

Friday evening, Feb. 16th, Prof. E. M. East of Harvard lectured in Boardman Hall, on the application of recent improvements in Biology to the raising of domestic plants.

Professor East is in the department of Experimental Plant Morphology at Harvard. He gave a very interesting talk, illustrating it with stereopticon views, and showing the scientific methods applied to the improvement of grain and tomatoes. This lecture was very well attended, as all the previous ones have been.

The next two lectures will come in March. On the twenty-sixth, Professor G. H. Parker of the Harvard Geology Department will lecture on the Origin of the Nervous System, and sometime during the month Dr. Wolfe, bacteriologist of the city of Hartford will talk to those interested on a subject to be announced later.

### ARMORY MEET.

Many Events Interesting to College Men.

The meet of the Second Division Naval Militia, to be held in the Armory on the evening of Friday, March 1st, will include an unusually large number of interesting events. Perhaps the most interesting to Trinity men will be the one-mile relay between Trinity freshmen and Wesleyan freshmen. The makeup of the Trinity team has not been fully determined yet. Trinity will also enter men in some of the open events, which include 75-yard dash, 230-yard obstacle, 300-yard dash, 500-yard run, pole vault, running high jump, 75-yard hurdles, tug-of-war.

Other relays are as follows: New York A. C. vs. Boston A. C.; Dartmouth vs. M. I. T. (2 miles); Fordham vs. Holy Cross; Amherst,-Columbia,-Wesleyan, (triangular) and Brown vs. Mass. "Aggies."

Another very interesting event is a wall-scaling contest for the champion-ship of the United States, in which six teams are entered.

### \* JUNIOR WEEK ECHOES.

"An Old Graduate" has evidently felt the talk of Junior Week gaieties to such an extent that he has revived some memories of his own and given them voice as follows:

Junior Week hath ended-Junior Week hath ended—
Its gaieties are passed;
Hearts broken must be mended,
And "good-byes" said at last:
"Mid-years" no more confront us,
Only "the trivial task",
Yet there are smiles that taunt us—
What greater burden ask?

The promenades and dances—
The lights and cozy nooks—
Our horizon enhances
The while we seek our books.
Eyes downcast in the shadow
Of dim-lit hall apart—
These things do drive us mad; oh!
Get thee still, my heart.

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PROFESSOR PERKINS.

Writes on Faults of American Secondary Education.

The New York Evening Post of last Thursday contains a thoughtful letter from Prof. Henry A. Perkins with regard to the cause of the difference in standard between the English socalled "public school" and the private or boarding school of the United States. He finds that the English voungster when prepared to enter the university possesses a more thoroughly trained. capable and independent mind than the American boy at the same period.

The explanation offered does not place the blame on either the American boy, whom he is not ready to believe is possessed of lower mental capabilities, nor the American educator, whom he believes is quite as good as the English. It is rather on the parents, who, as he says, "oppose their own inane views on education to the expert judgment of the teacher", that the fault would seem to rest. Prof. Perkins is not complimentary to the parents of the boarding school youth, but has shed some light on a question deserving of much more consideration than our rather complacent national nature is disposed to give.

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