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LAST SCRAP OF YEAR OVER.

Freshmen Victorious in St. Patrick's Day Fight.

Promptly at eight o'clock Saturday morning, the class of 1915 marched slowly across the campus to within about twenty feet of the tree designated by the Senate as the center of the St. Patrick's day scrap. As soon as they made their appearance, the few sophomores who were not already up to their knees in the sea of mud which surrounded the tree, rushed out and took their places, and half-dressed upper classmen began to appear at the windows and on the walk.

Suddenly the whole attacking body broke into a run, and a wedge of big men in front broke through the ranks of 1914, leaving a hole through which a second wedge rushed in, and shoved H. L. Brainerd up the tree in less than a minute's time. After a little trouble, he cut out the flag sewn in the lining of his coat, and waved it to the breeze.

After this, the fight resolved itself into a series of individual wrestling matches. With commendable foresight, the freshmen had told off three or four men to take charge of each of the biggest men in 1914, so that these class champions speedily found themselves in the mud, and unable to rise, on account of the three freshmen clinging like grim death to various parts of their anatomies. A little later Hill, who carried the other flag, and Barnett managed to scale the tree, but no sophomore even got his hands on the branches. After eleven minutes, the judges awarded the victory to 1915, as they had kept their banner in the tree the required ten minutes.

When the heroes got up and looked each other over, they found it almost impossible to recognize their best friends under their masks of mud. However a little water soon removed all visible trace of the scrap except the pile of torn clothing in front of Northam.

Though the clever planning of the freshmen and the slippery ground prevented the scrap from being as close as was anticipated, everybody agreed that it was a "good old fight."

The night before the scrap was scarcely less exciting, for the freshmen at least, than the scrap itself. They disappeared in the moisture at four o'clock, Friday with shouts of derision for the sophs. One of their wits remarked, "In the words of the porcupine, excuse my back." It didn't take them long to find the New Dom Hotel, and there they comfortably ensconced them-

TENNIS PROSPECTS.

Good Material in Freshmen Class.

Manager A. E. Pulford of the tennis team has almost completed his schedule for the spring season, and it waits the seal of approval from the faculty. This branch of athletics has been one of the most successful of the minor sports at Trinity and for the past few years the team has won a majority of meets played. The prospects this year are fair, although the ineligibility of Burgwin, '14, will prove a serious handicap to the team. There are three veterans available: D. S. Pulford, who will captain the team, A. E. Pulford and C. Carpenter. Among the promising candidates are E. Ward, '13, Peck, '14, Boehm, '15, and several other freshmen who have had good experience. Games have been arranged with Amherst, Williams, Wesleyan, Brown and several other New England institutions.

selves for the evening. They ventured out once or twice in search of excitement, and their efforts were rewarded with success.

The sophomores remained quietly at college, with a few exceptions. One of their number accidentally let fall the hint that he might go "fussing" Friday night—he'll never boast again of his social activity. When Her soft "good-night" broke the solitude of Farmington Avenue, six tramp-like figures leaped from the shelter of as many bushes, and gathered in a circle around his sacred person. The soph's loud shrieks for help brought the girl and her pater running to the rescue. But beyond denouncing bitterly her acquaintances in the freshman group of brave captors, the girl accomplished nothing, and the father less. The prisoner was handcuffed and led for three miles to the New Dom, where he remained until late the next morning.

At eleven o'clock the freshies hired a great covered express wagon and attached a scrawny nag to the front of it. Then they piled in, fifteen of them, with paste-pot and posters. On the front seat sat a tall freshman in the disguise of an Irish-American Hebrew. Somehow they reached Vernon Street without being discovered by the two bold sophomores who were lurking around Hartford streets. Twenty yards up Vernon Street, the horse nearly collapsed; ten yards more and his whole attitude was characteristic of some marked internal injuries; and five yards further on, in the words of the college man he "passed out." It was inconsiderate of the beast, to say the least—but it must be remembered that he was pulling a heavy wagon bearing a load of at least 2200 pounds of humanity, not counting the paste-pots and posters. The animal was revived after disheartening efforts, and grew cheerful enough

SENIOR WEEK.

Preliminary Plans were under Way.

The various committees which have been appointed by the class of 1912 are now actively engaged upon the business of completing the arrangements for Senior Week in June. Commencement this year will be held June 26th, a few days earlier than last year when the 28th made it almost the latest Commencement in the history of the college. The class to be graduated this June is the smallest in college but there is every indication of a successful program for Senior Week. There will be the usual events of interest, including the "Prom," Dramatics, etc., and the alumnus and undergraduate alike will find plenty of excitement around college during the last few days of the term. It is hoped that arrangements can be made with the Ben Greet players to give an open air performance sometime during Senior Week.

Y. M. C. A. ADDRESS.

The Rev. A. B. Clark of Rosebud, S. D., addressed a meeting of the Y. M. C. A., held Tuesday evening, March 12th, on the subject of missionary work among the Sioux Indians. Mr. Clark, who has had long experience in this field, talked very interestingly of the conditions among the Sioux, and of the circumstances under which the missionary work must be carried on.

to haul the load up to Stickney's. Here the brave deed was done. One freshman hero—his name will go down to posterity—leaped out, unafraid and slapped a big 1915 poster on the back shingles of the college refectory. It was done in a second—and then the horse was slowly driven back to the city again, where the freshies recounted the awful risks incurred in their perilous journey.

Some time later they again went abroad, this time without the faint-hearted horse, and slapped up a great number of posters, some in almost inaccessible places. The few ambitious sophomores who journeyed downtown in the cold gray dawn of the morning after, succeeded in either tearing them all down or smearing with them glaring red paint. One poster, placed high up between the wires of a telegraph pole on lower Asylum Street, still remains, and the elements alone have the power to efface the numerals 1915 displayed there. The freshies stuck religiously to the Senate rules, and no public or private buildings were defaced.

A couple of bold sophs visited the New Dom about 3 a. m., waved some Baltimore Lunch napkins as flags of truce, and woke up all the tired freshmen to see them jump out of bed in mortal fear of sophomore conquest.

BASEBALL PROSPECTS.

Daily Indoor Practice since Arrival of Coach Dowd.

In spite of the bad weather, baseball practice goes on steadily in the gymnasium. Of course, most of the time is devoted to battery practice, but the other candidates have their opportunity also. On Monday, the in-field had a short outdoor practice in front of the gymnasium, and it is hoped that the ground will be soon hard enough to allow regular practice on the field.

Thomas J. Dowd, of Holyoke, Mass., who has been engaged as coach for the season, arrived last Wednesday. Mr. Dowd has quite a reputation in this part of the country, having turned out winning teams for Brown, Williams, and Georgetown during the past few years. He is at present scout for the Boston Americans. Under his coaching, and with the excellent material at hand, there is every prospect of turning out a successful team.

There are about twenty-five candidates for the various positions this spring, which is certainly encouraging. Of this number, only seven have played for Trinity in past years, but most of the rest were stars on their prep. school nines. Of the seven veterans, three, Cook, Warner, and Bleecker are pitchers.

Of course, it is still far too early to be able to definitely say how the positions will be distributed. The Yale game come, on the 30th and if the team can get out of doors in the near future, they should be in excellent condition by that time.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod,

Dear Sir:

With the beginning of the spring athletic season, the Press Club again comes into prominence as an important medium for the dissemination of Trinity news throughout the country. There is perhaps no college institution outside of the successful athletic teams which does more to increase the gate receipts at games, to make the college known in distant cities and to bring men to Trinity.

Of course, to do all these things properly, money is necessary, and the members of the Press Club should not be expected to furnish this money themselves. Not only are there various small expenses, such as postage, stationery, etc., but the Press Club should be able to subscribe to the large city dailies, and keep files on record.

In most colleges, the problem is solved by having the athletic association appropriate each year a certain sum for the Press Club, and divide that sum among the expense accounts of the teams. It has invariably found that the increase in profits due to an active and energetic Press Club has more than counterbalanced the initial outlay.

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Alumni Notes.

Ex-'09—John C. Hart announces the arrival, on March 11, 1912, of a daughter, Jean Hathaway Hart.

Ex-'10—J. H. T. Sweet, is in his fourth year at Tufts Medical College, Boston, Mass., and will be graduated this June from that institution. He has recently been appointed an interne at the Hartford Hospital for an eighteen months' term beginning March, 1913. The appointment was secured by competitive examination and is much sought after, as the Hartford Hospital is one of the best equipped in New England as well as having a splendid record in other ways.

SUNDAY CHAPEL.

Dr. Luther preached in chapel Sunday, for the first time since his return from the west. His subject was the lasting effect of any man's life, as exemplified by the reference to the statutes of Omri in the Book of Micah. He brought the application of this principle to college conditions and to each individual man in college.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The lacrosse team is practising every afternoon, and great improvement is noticeable.

The chess tournament is progressing steadily, the first round being practically completed.

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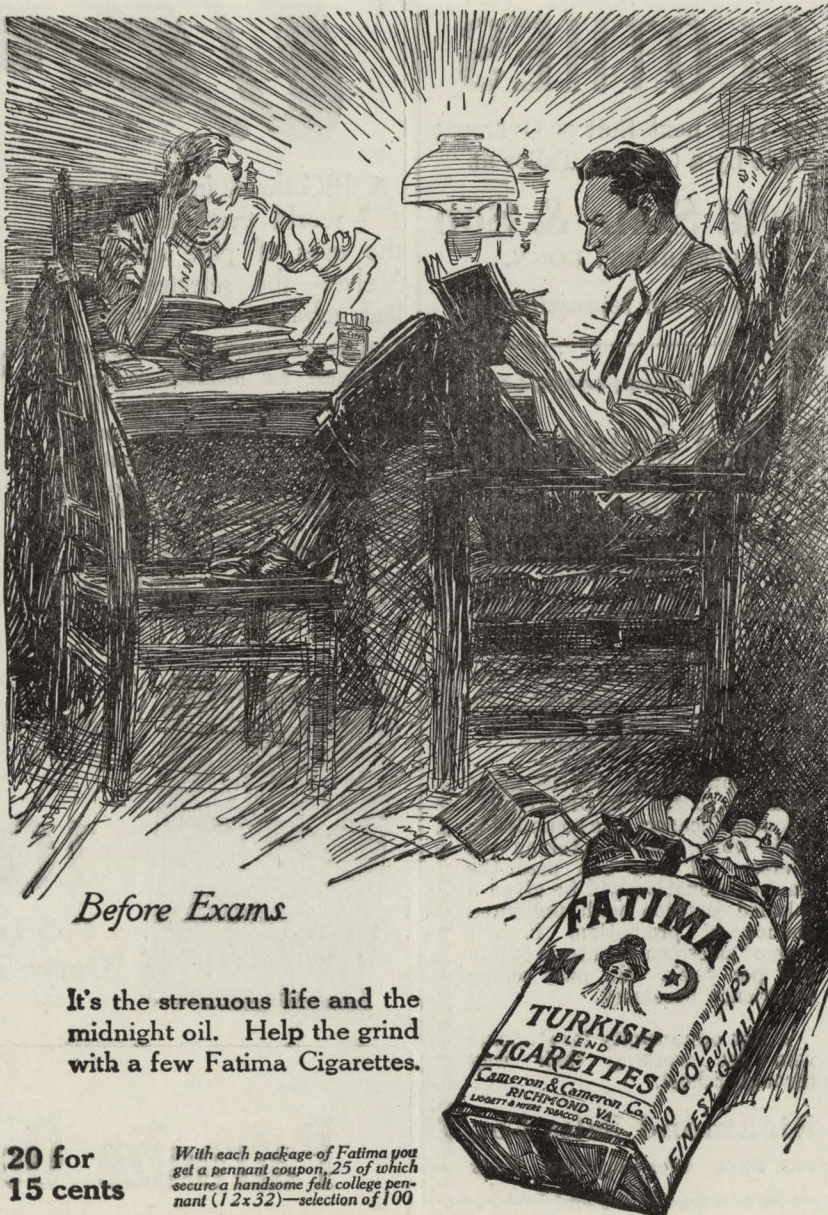
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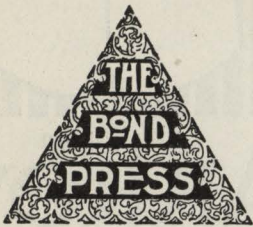
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