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YALE TOMORROW.

First Baseball Game in New Haven.

The first baseball game of the season is scheduled to be played at New Haven tomorrow, but up to the time of going to press it is impossible to determine whether or not the Yale field will be in playing condition.

Coach Dowd is very anxious to have the game played, as he believes it would be of invaluable assistance to him in sizing up his men before the Easter trip through the South. Yale has a strong team and its superior facilities for wet-weather practice give it an advantage; a victory, therefore, can hardly be expected, and the game should be considered as a practice affair primarily.

The practice has been very encouraging. The freshman material is especially promising, and from present indications, a number of positions will be filled by first-year men. Captain L'Heureux is confident of a successful season.

"IVY" GOES TO PRESS.

General Plan the same as Last Year's.

The 1913 *Ivy* goes to press this week. This year's issue is compiled on the same principle as last year's; that is, to present a campus publication of interest to every Trinity man.

There are several new features of this year's *Ivy*, one being a number of cartoons on various campus activities and celebrities.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Members of 1911:

At the last meeting of the class as an undergraduate body, among other transactions, a thing known as Class Secretary was elected. I am "it", and this letter is to let all 1911 men know that I am still in existence and am willing and ready to perform the multifarious duties which the holding of that office entails.

But seriously, I assume that the class secretaryship "is and of right ought to be" more than a mere name, and this is an attempt to justify that assumption. The following is my plan of action: Let each member of 1911 write to me a postcard or letter by which I may know his address, his occupation, and any other news of himself which he sees fit to give. For my part I will enter all this in a book which I have for that purpose. Furthermore, let each man inform me of every change in address, occupation, and circumstance. (Circumstance is another way to spell engagement, marriage, etc.) I will thus have an up-to-date record of every man in the class.

Now the object of all this: First, I will send the latest news of the fellows to the *Tripod* and all will know of the various achievements in the class; second, I will be able to supply to any member the address of any other member; and third, I myself will be able to keep in touch with all the fellows for purposes of reunion, etc., of which more hereafter. Such is the brief outline

GENTLEMAN OR SCHOLAR?

Two not considered Compatible, says Dr. Foster.

Dr. William T. Foster, President of the new Reed College of Portland, Ore., which has been established under an endowment of \$3,000,000, who is visiting the larger colleges and universities in the East to study conditions, told the students of New York University, according to the *New York Times*, some of the results of his inquiry.

"I found nearly everywhere that college students appear to have the idea that college studies do not amount to much and are things which they can get through with in a prefatory manner," he said. "One evidence of this is the motto found in college men's rooms all over the country: 'Don't let your college studies interfere with your education.' Among college students 'C' is considered the gentleman's grade, and numerous and varied are the epithets applied to those who receive the infamous rank of Phi Beta Kappa.

"In the class of '94 at Harvard I tried to find out who were the successful men of that class, judged by their records after graduation. I had President Lowell and two other men choose the men whom they considered successful. They agreed independently upon twenty-four members of the class. I then selected twenty-four members of that class at random. It turned out that the successful men had attained four times as many high marks while in college as the men selected at random.

"But I desired to make a more complete investigation of conditions throughout the country. My next investigation covered twenty-two colleges, and I sought to ascertain how many had received the distinction of being included in 'Who's Who in America.' Although this is not perfectly satisfactory, it is one definition of success worth looking at.

"Of the men who were graduated from these twenty-two colleges, those who were graduated in the first ten per cent. of the class had 6 per cent. of their number included in this book. Of those who were graduated in the second 10 per cent. a smaller proportion was included. Of those in the fourth 10 per cent. of the class, only 2 per cent. were included."

of my plan. I would appreciate and be glad of any suggestions. Now let me urge upon every loyal 1911 man to send me the information asked for as soon as possible. Remember this: 1911 is a lemon-squeezer class. What made it so? The fact that we always stood together in college. If we stood together as undergraduates, I take it that it is not impossible for us to be closely united as "old grads." Again, whenever classmates meet, sooner or later the conversation turns to something like this: "What is Bill doing now?" or "What has become of Tom", etc. As each man would like to know what the other fellows are doing, let each believe

GOOD TRACK PROSPECTS.

Wesleyan has Cause to Fear Us.

The chances of turning out a really good track team this spring seem to be brighter than they have been for many seasons past, and Manager Marsden and Captain Wessels are optimistic about the Wesleyan meet. Besides Wessels '12, Wessels '14, Spofford '14, Collett '13, and Hudson '14, all of whom did such excellent work last season, there is good material in the freshman class. Sage '14 and Crehore '14, who were ineligible last year because of low standing, are off probation now and will prove very valuable men; Sage in the high-jump and 440-yard dash, and Crehore in the distance runs.

The schedule follows:

April 20—Interclass meet.

April 27—Brown, vs. Worcester P. I., at Hartford.

May 4—Wesleyan at Middletown.

May 17-18—Intercollegiates at Springfield.

May 25—Union at Schenectady.

SOPHOMORE SMOKER.

Rehearsals for Minstrels nearing End.

The Sophomore Smoker "headliners", the 1914 Minstrels, have been rehearsing faithfully under the leadership of Rosenbaum. The last rehearsal before the Easter recess is to be held tonight.

Chairman Ramsay of the Smoker committee, expects to announce his list of speakers soon.

MR. CUSHMAN CONDUCTS TRIP.

Mr. Cushman is to conduct a trip to the Terry Steam Turbine Works on the afternoon of Friday, March 29th. All students desiring to go should register at Boardman Hall. The party is to leave on the 3.20 Rainbow car.

that the others would also be pleased to find out what he is doing. The interest is mutual.

So on the grounds of class unity and class interest, I ask the hearty support and coöperation of every member of 1911. If this is given we shall always be in close touch with one another and thus indirectly with the college.

A last word: I hope that many of the fellows will be in Hartford for the Commencement exercises this year. We can then have a "merry party" and what is better, make plans for the "big show." By "big show" I mean the Tri-ennial Reunion which will take place in 1914. Really 1914 is not so far away, and it is well to consider the re-union. Come to Hartford then in June and help the good work along. Anyhow, be there.

Yours in 1911,

JOHN H. ROSEBAUGH,
Class Secretary.

Berkeley Divinity School,
Middletown, Conn.,
March 27, 1912.

CONCERNING HOLLANDS.

Dr. Luther believes in Present Basis of Award.

There has been quite a good deal of discussion within the last few weeks about the awards of the Holland Scholarships. So the following coming from President Luther has great interest. President Luther was interviewed by a *Tripod* reporter, this is the result:

Question: Doctor, have you read the articles in recent numbers of the *Tripod* about the Holland Scholarships?

Answer: Certainly, I always read everything in the *Tripod*.

Question: What do you think about the proposition to change the basis of award?

Answer: The Faculty has experimented somewhat in the past. They are a unit in the belief that these extraordinarily large and valuable awards must be made for excellence in scholarship, and on the whole there seems no better method of determining who are the better scholars in college than by comparison of records. The marking system is simply a method of determining as best we can what proportion of the assigned work has been done by the student and how well it is done. It is imperfect and often misleading, but so far it has seemed impossible to hit upon anything better. The difficulty about giving scholarships for special work in the departments comes from the facts that there are so many more departments than there are scholarships. The standing of the Holland scholars, after leaving college, in professional and scholastic work really seems to justify the present method.

Question: Don't you think it would be well to divide the scholarships as suggested by one of our correspondents?

Answer: This is a purely theoretical question and individuals might give varying answers. It has no practical bearing, because under the terms of the bequest, the college is precluded from dividing them. The clearly expressed will of the donor was to establish here at Trinity three very great scholarships, not paralleled, I believe, by similar opportunities for undergraduates in any college with which I am acquainted. Personally I think this was a wise as well as a beneficent intention, but anyhow the matter is not under the control of the College authorities.

Question: Do you think that competition for the scholarships generally ceases after the first year?

Answer: To a certain extent this is probably true; that is to say, for the great majority of the members of the successive classes; but since 1897, when our present method of award went into effect, there have been only two cases in which a student has taken the prize three times. With three classes three different individuals got the scholarships. With the other classes, one student received it twice, and another student received it once.

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"NOW THEN, TRINITY."

The action of the faculty in giving all or nearly all the spring tests a week or more before Easter should certainly be appreciated by the student body. In former years it has often happened that a test one or two days before the holidays started has prevented some student from going home early, although he has saved up his cuts the whole term for that purpose. The Easter holidays are comparatively short, and many who live at a distance find it almost useless to go home at all unless they can have a few extra days.

The old hackneyed subject of athletic dues again comes up at this time. A communication published in this issue suggests one possible way of remedying the difficulty of obtaining sufficient support for the various teams from the undergraduates, but until that or some other similar method is put into effect it is necessary to go through the same old trouble of coaxing and persuading men to buy an A. A. ticket.

As a matter of fact, no coaxing should be necessary. When by the small

expenditure a man can give so much support to a team, the success of which means advertisement to the college, and, indirectly, benefit for himself, he is surely paying for value received. Tickets were placed on sale Thursday, March 28th, and checks dated up to May 1st will be accepted in payment. Let every man come forward promptly and do his duty.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

The perennial question of athletic association dues comes up again. The old story will be retold, the old arguments rehearsed, the old complaints rehearsed.

Let us get down to first principles. What is the baseball team for?

That depends upon the point of view. To one student it means personal pride; to the college—officially—it means valuable advertising.

The college says, "If you students want it, why don't you pay for it? That you don't is a sign that you don't want it."

Nonsense. The city might as well make taxes voluntary and then cry out "The citizens don't want any government—they don't pay their taxes!"

Those who benefit should pay. One student benefits as much as another. Therefore all should pay alike.

The only way to accomplish this is by taxation. No student organization can enforce such taxation. The college must do it.

The college adopts the attitude that athletics are a purely student activity, to be regulated, yes, but officially authorized, made part of the college, no. To be sure the faculty has made some concession in the line of cuts, but what have the trustees done?

The trustees should be placed in a position where they would have to take a definite stand on this question; they can not be permitted to take refuge behind the comforting thought that athletics will continue without them.

UNDERGRADUATE.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

As an old alumnus I have taken a somewhat unusual attitude toward the college—i. e., I have attempted to understand that a college is primarily for the youth, and to bear constantly in mind the point of view of the undergraduate toward questions of policy. To this end I have interviewed a large number of them on the general subject of "What does Trinity Need?" The suggestions, when sifted down and combined, yield a result somewhat as follows:

The chief crying need of Trinity is a world-beating baseball team. A baseball team needs early spring practice. Therefore the college should give all baseball candidates six weeks vacation in Texas, or, if this is asking too much, a large armory-like structure in which to practice.

I have heard it suggested that Boardman Hall be gutted and used for that purpose, as being the largest building that could be so adapted. Of course, the museum collection and so forth could be stored in the basement without interfering with the baseball work. The classes in biology, geology, etc., might be held in the gymnasium, during off hours, or in a temporary building.

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Of course, I have only touched upon some of the more elemental things. A logical extension of the system would include the various departments of instruction. "Mathematics as applied to football signals," "College yells among the ancient Greeks," etc., would be in line with the movement.

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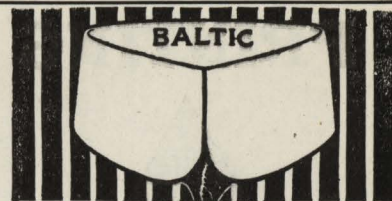
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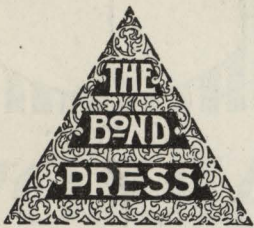
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