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SITE FOR WILLIAMS HALL. Committee Decides to Build at North End of Campus.

The Building Committee having in charge the erection of the Williams Library and Administration Building, met on Friday evening and discussed the matters intrusted to them by the board of trustees. It seems likely that the new building will be erected at the north end of the campus covering the brick wall at the north extremity of Jarvis Hall, extending a few feet to the west of Jarvis, and for a considerable distance to the east, making a part of the north side of the proposed quadrangular arrangement of the new buildings which are in contemplation.

PROF. GETTELL LECTURES. Talks on American Government in New York High School.

Professor Raymond Garfield Gettell, of the department of history was the lecturer Saturday evening at a public meeting given under the auspices of the New York Board of Education at the High School at 116th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. His topic was the "Historical Development of the American Government." He will speak at the same place the next three Saturday evenings and will then repeat his lectures in other parts of the city. His other topics will be the "Organization of the American Government", "Functions of the American Government", and "Present Tendencies and Problems of the American Government."

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Seminar in Biology.

The attention of students in biology is called to the seminar to be held at the residence of Professor Morse, 36 Brownell Avenue on the evening of Thursday, December 5, at eight o'clock. The subject is "The human interest in the bacteria and other lower organisms", and this will be introduced by Professor C. E. A. Winslow of the American Museum of Natural History, New York. The students of Biology 2, 3, 4 and 5 are expected to attend and inasmuch as accommodations are limited, the invitation cannot be extended to others. The second seminar will be held on Dec. 12, and the topic, "The role of biochemistry in human interest" will be introduced by Professor Lafayette B. Mendel, Professor of Physiological Chemistry at Yale.

THE EASY MARK.

President Tells Teachers They Do Not Have Enough Work.

At the 68th annual meeting of the Massachusetts' Teachers' Association held on Friday last at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, President Luther made an address entitled "The Easy Mark" that has since caused much comment in the educational world. President Luther declared that teachers spend far too small amount of time in educating the youth of the country. Since the education of the children of the nation is such an important thing, he offered a remedy for present conditions in the form of longer daily hours and shorter vacations. While his talk was highly critical, he tempered it with good-natured sarcasm in which he made no attempt to spare himself. The public as well as the profession, he said, is at fault, because it tolerates such a state of affairs.

After detailing the amount of schoolroom work the modern teacher does, he said, "Really this is a ridiculous portion of time for grown men and women to devote to the education of children, when we consider that education is the greatest thing going on in this world. Of course children need time to play, but we should see that play takes up only a reasonable amount of their time."

Continuing he said, "Let's have a longer school year. Let's teach more than 25 hours a week. Let's have our school going a larger part of the year. For vacations I would suggest a week at Christmas, a few days in the spring and a month in summer."

"Our educated professional men in these days," he went on to say, "don't get to work until they are pretty near Dr. Osler's age limit. The average of the freshman entering college is 19 years and 3 months. He is 23 when he graduates from college. If he attends the medical, theological, or law school he is 26 or 27 when he graduates. Then there are two years of real apprentice work—in the hospital, as errand boy in a law office, or as curate—so that a man is almost 30 before he can render any service to the community that has paid for his education. Such a man is 30 before he can marry—and that's not good."

"Moreover, society has lost the radicalism, the recklessness, the bravery and the enthusiasm of the man between 20 and 30, which is to be deplored. A man at 30 has caution, but not fresh enthusiasm. Our young are spending too much precious time in getting ready for life's work."

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Comment.

"Reformer Luther of Trinity College, who stirred up the school teachers yesterday by telling them they do too little work, hasn't nailed his propositions on any schoolhouse door, but he is so earnestly enthusiastic that he might say with his distinguished predecessor at Worms, 'Here I take my stand; I can do no otherwise, so help me God! Amen.'"

—*Boston Globe.*

SOPHOMORE HOP.

Program of Twenty-Two Dances Arranged.

The annual hop of the sophomore class will be held in Alumni Hall Friday evening. Dancing will commence at 8:30 and will last until 2 o'clock. Supper will be served after the eleventh dance with Stickney catering. Sutherland's orchestra of five pieces will provide the music. The program is as follows:

- 1 Waltz—*Phryne II.*
- 2 Two Step—*Mammy's Shuffling Dance.*
- 3 Two Step—*Ghost of the Violin.*
- 4 Waltz—*Salome.*
- 5 Two Step—*You're My Baby.*
- 6 Two Step—*Sumurun.*
- 7 Waltz—*Blue Danube.*
- 8 Two Step—*Girl in Havana.*
- 9 Two Step—*On the Mississippi.*
- 10 Waltz—*Druid's Prayer.*
- 11 Two Step—*When Uncle Joe Plays a Rag.*
Intermission
- 12 Waltz—*Siren Waltzes.*
- 13 Two Step—*The Wedding Glide.*
- 14 Waltz—*Oh what a beautiful Dream.*
- 15 Two Step—*Waiting for the Robert E. Lee.*
- 16 Waltz—*Luxemburg Waltzes.*
- 17 Two Step—*Slippery Slide Trombone.*
- 18 Two Step—*"Alabama."*
- 19 Waltz—*My Little Persian Rose.*
- 20 Two Step—*Hitchy Coo.*
- 21 Two Step—*Y Como la Va.*
- 22 Encores of former dances.

The committee in charge of the affair is: Hall, chairman; Ingersoll, Boehm, Budd, Orr, Peck, McCabe, Wright, C. D. Thompson, Ludwig, T. C. Brown. The admission price is one dollar per couple.

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President Luther's Trip.

President Luther made a trip to Northfield extending over Saturday the twenty-third and Sunday the twenty-fourth of last month. He visited Northfield Seminary and Mt. Hermon School, speaking before the teachers at the Seminary Saturday evening and addressing the students and townspeople Sunday night. He spoke at Mt. Hermon School Sunday morning and evening.

Dr. Luther was greatly impressed with the work of the two schools. Mt. Hermon School was founded by Dwight L. Moody, the noted evangelist, for the purpose of helping boys who could not go elsewhere to college and Northfield Seminary was founded by him to help girls in the same circumstances. The boys' school numbers 650, making it one of the largest preparatory schools in the country, and the girls' school numbers 600. The two schools are located about five miles apart. They have a common board of trustees, but are in every other respect two absolutely independent institutions.

Dr. Luther was greatly pleased with the spirit of industry that prevades the students of these two schools, for, while many of them are earning their way through, they have an excellent record for scholarship.

GLEE CLUB DATES.

Next Concert in Rockville, Putnam Appearance Postponed.

The Glee Club's concert in Putnam has been indefinitely postponed owing to the fire which recently swept that place, causing very much distress among the people in the vicinity. The next concert will be in Rockville, under the auspices of the Men's Club of St. John's Church, of which the Rev. J. F. George, '77, is rector. Negotiations are also under way for joint concerts with Brown and Haverford, and for a trip by a quartette or double quartette of the Glee Club to Boston for the annual dinner of the alumni of that place.

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SUNDAY CHAPEL.

President Luther Preaches a Thanksgiving Sermon.

President Luther preached in chapel last Sunday morning, taking as his text, a passage from the Psalms, "And He hath not dealt so with any man."

"The coming of the Advent season so close after Thanksgiving is especially appropriate this year. Last Thursday the American nation could look back over a year filled with causes for Thanksgiving, and could be thankful also for the good prospects for the ensuing winter, due to fine crops in the summer. One may be thankful that the American people has accepted with characteristic good humor the result of the presidential election. Although the past year has been so full of success and promise, there is yet something more splendid coming to this country, for the 'night is far spent and the day is at hand.' The present generation is in the midst of the fourth year period in American history when it is good to be alive. The call before this generation is a call for a loyal devotion to high and pure political ideals.

"Let me suggest as a Thanksgiving thought," continued Dr. Luther, "that you young men of Trinity College be thankful for being in the world now and in this country, with the recklessness, enthusiasm, and 'do-something' spirit of youth at your command."

As an offertory, Pierce, '16, gave a very fine rendition on the 'cello.

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Navy Defeats the Army.

The Navy triumphed over the Army 6 to 0 on Saturday. The points were made by Brown, the Navy captain, who kicked two pretty field goals in the last quarter.

The Army began the game with a rush, carrying the ball to the 12-yard line where Keyes missed an easy goal. In the second period the West Pointers nearly scored a touchdown on a blocked kick, but lost the ball by a fumble. Thereafter the advantage was all with the Navy.

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For Good Government.

Occasion was given to many undergraduates this fall to play at politics. Each of three big rival candidates for the presidency was honored by having a club named after him. That, however, was just about to the extent to which we have indulged in politics. Of course everybody discussed, usually with some feeling, the merits of the three men, but comparatively little study, little more than could be gleaned from a glance at the daily papers, was spent on the issues of the campaign.

Judge Riddell, the speaker at the Founders' Day exercises a month ago, was a convincing advocate for the greatness of a political life. One of his most pointed sentences which he spoke on that occasion went something like this, "when the man who takes his part in politics complains of the evil of political life, he is showing himself to be the evil of which he complains."

Those of us who are able to vote at all, will not have an opportunity to exercise the right for many months. Yet it is a matter of doubt whether it is best for us to forget that a city or state or national government exists during the interval between today and Election Day, 1913. We are in constant contact with governmental forces and scarcely a day passes without a problem or question of law being brought to our attention. Why not do something more than render passive obedience to the powers that be?

At the last meeting of the college senate there was reported a letter from

the secretary of the Intercolligate Civic League, broaching the subject of the formation of some sort of Civic or Good Government Club here at Trinity and we want here to introduce you to the idea and its possibilities. We have shown how little part is taken here in affairs relating to politics. It is even less difficult to show that most of us do mighty little outside of our classes that will ever broaden us, that will ever make us higher and better intellectually. The dearth of pursuits which would help in this direction has been many times lamented, and indeed has not passed without comment in these columns.

Many of the advantages which the formation of a Good Government Club would bring are almost too obvious. The discussion of live political questions would furnish at once a pleasant and useful occupation during the winter, and the advantages in producing better citizenship would be of the highest sort. Yet any organization which does nothing but discuss has in this a point of weakness. Lots of people like to talk but not many like to confine their activities to voice alone. Work is the thing which binds together the members of an organization, and work is what makes any effort count.

Opportunity for actual work for good government is offered in abundance by Hartford itself. Not that our city is badly governed. Rather the opposite in most respects. But Hartford and Connecticut are not perfect, and until they are there is work for men to do. Let's see just what a college man interested in the improvement of his community and working with other college men could do.

How many of you men who read this known anything about the conditions under which the milk you drink is produced? Who knows whether the meat he eats is butchered in accordance with legal regulations? You have heard of housing reforms, yet who knows what regulations in this direction Hartford may have, or to what extent they are obeyed? Does Connecticut tolerate child-labor, and if not, how strictly is the prohibition enforced? And so forth as long as the paper supply holds out. Opportunity for community betterment lies about us on every side and the chances to do things really worth the doing are numberless. Ex-president Roosevelt has summed up the situation in a way that will bear repetition. He says, "What we have to strive for is the betterment of social, political and civic conditions by bringing a little nearer the day when justice and truth and courage shall prevail; when each man shall deal justly by his brother as he is brought into contact with him, and when there shall be a measurable equality of opportunity for each man to show the stuff there is in him. The college man has a special burden of responsibility upon him, because to him has been given much, and from him we have a right to expect much in return."

What are you and I and the fellow who never looks at the second page of the *Tripod* going to do to make our college education stand for something besides a minimum of book study and some fun? Here is an opportunity for serious and valuable work. Talk over the idea among yourselves, and see if Trinity may not have a Civics Club, and not only have one but make it a real force in undergraduate activity.

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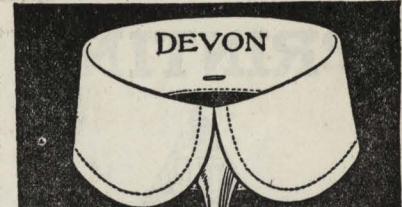
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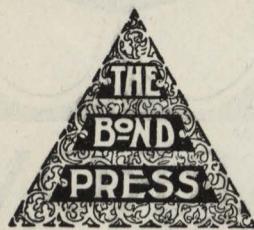
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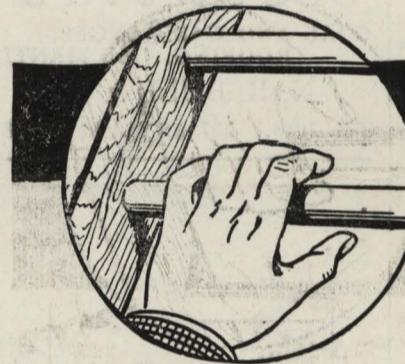
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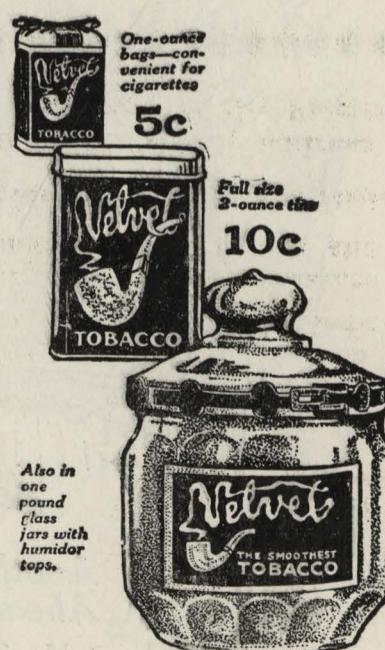
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