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GREAT GIFT TO LIBRARY.

Many Volumes from Library of Late Prof. Edwin Johnson.

Mrs. Charlotte H. Johnson of Hartford has presented to the College Library 1750 volumes from the library of her husband, the late Reverend Professor Edwin Emerson Johnson, M.A. Professor Johnson was Professor of English Literature in Trinity College from 1867 until his death in 1883. He was graduated from Trinity College in 1859. From 1871 to 1883 he was the rector of Trinity Parish in Hartford. Mrs. Johnson has presented to Trinity Church the volumes in Professor Johnson's library upon religion and theology.

In the memorial sketch contributed by Bishop W. W. Niles to the volume of Professor Johnson's sermons entitled: "Life after death and other sermons," published in Hartford in 1885, there is found an appropriate tribute to Prof. Johnson and his work at Trinity College as follows:

"In College, the Department of English, which had enjoyed the benefit of lectures by a Burgess, a Coxe, a Washburn, an Eliot, and a Doane, certainly did not suffer in Professor Johnson's hands. A poetic temperament, deep earnestness, a wide range of reading, and a sympathetic mind, enabled him to enkindle something like enthusiasm in his classes. And a remarkable fertility in the selection of topics, singularly varied and fit, both for themes and for special study, kept the interest alive to the end. His department, as it is well known, was ahead in reputation among the colleges of New England."

The books which now make a valuable addition to the library of the College with which he was so long connected, clearly indicate this "wide range of reading." The following classification of the 1750 volumes shows this to be true:

Philosophy,	65 volumes
Theology,	71 volumes
Sociology,	41 volumes
Philology and Literary History,	192 volumes
Literature,	524 volumes
Biography,	183 volumes
History and Travel,	236 volumes
Science,	83 volumes
Miscellaneous,	355 volumes

The 524 volumes under "Literature" contain 267 volumes of poetry, much of this being the work of American writers and includes some first editions of Whittier, Lowell, Holmes, Bret Harte, Walt Whitman, Bayard Taylor, Trowbridge, etc. Another rare item is Fred. Law Olmsted's "Walks and talks of an American farmer in England", N. Y., 1852. This is a presentation copy "from the author's father." Other items of particular value will doubtless be found in a more careful examination of the books.

IN VACATION.

Faculty Members Attend Learned Society Conventions.

Several Trinity professors and a number of men who formerly taught here, attended joint meetings of the American Historical, Economic, Political Science, and Statistical Associations, the American Sociological Society, the American Association for Labor Legislation, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the New England Teachers' Association, and the Efficiency Society, which were held at Boston and Cambridge, Mass., December 27 to 31, with headquarters at the Copley-Plaza Hotel.

Dr. Arthur Adams, professor of English, was the representative of the New Jersey Historical Society and attended the meetings of the American Historical Association. Prof. R. G. Gettell was present at the meetings of the American Historical and Political Science Associations, and Prof. Kleene attended the meetings of the American Economic Association. Among the professors who attended the convention were Dr. A. H. Shearer, formerly an instructor in history at Trinity, Prof. R. J. Ham, predecessor of former Prof. John G. Gill, in the chair of Romance Languages, and the Rev. Dr. Henry Ferguson, lecturer in history at Trinity.

Over 800 scholars from all parts of the country attended the meeting and the principal feature of the four days session was the opportunity afforded in meeting men versed in different departments of knowledge, and getting a glimpse of important questions from various standpoints.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the American Historical Association for 1911 and 1912, was introduced by president Lowell of Harvard for the opening speech to that association. His address on "History as Literature" was an appeal to historians to make the reading of history as interesting as fiction. After the address there was an informal gathering of the members of all the associations at the Copley-Plaza.

Frank A. Fetter, president of the American Economic Society, addressed a joint session of the American Political Science and Economic Associations on the subject, "Population or Prosperity?" His talk was followed by an address on "An Apology for the Rights of Man", by Albert Bushnell Hart, president of the American Political Science Association. A smoker at the Boston City Club followed the session.

Coincident with a meeting of the Sociological Society, there was held a meeting of the American Political Science Association in the lecture room of the Boston Library, where under the general head of "Political and Economic Interpretations of Jurisprudence", papers were read as follows: "Jurisprudence," by Roscoe Pound of Harvard University Law School; "The Theory of the Subjective Right to Vote", by Walter J. Shepard of the University of Missouri, and the "Tenure of English Judges", by Charles H. McIlwain of Harvard University.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

Undergraduate Episcopalians Constitute a Majority.

A religious census of the undergraduate body taken in December by J. S. Moses, '14, president of the Y. M. C. A., shows the Protestant Episcopal Church to be the choice of 147 of the men, the Congregationalists being second with 38 and the Roman Catholics third with 27.

The figures and percentages for a total of 257 students are as follows:

Church	No.	%
Protestant Episcopal,	147	57.2
Congregationalists,	38	14.8
Roman Catholic,	27	10.5
Methodist,	13	5.1
Hebrew,	11	4.3
Presbyterian,	9	3.5
Unitarian,	5	1.9
Baptist,	4	1.6
Unattached,	3	1.2

In the various other associations, not of such particular interest to Trinity's representatives, numerous addresses were made by prominent college professors and other high authorities and investigators from various cities.

Prof. Gettell was appointed to a committee of five to report next year at the annual session of the American Political Science Association on the feasibility of the plan for the teaching of politics in connection with practical government.

Professor Barrett attended the meetings of the American Philological Association at Washington for two days. He was at Baltimore for the rest of the vacation.

Mr. Barrows attended meetings of the Geological Society of America in New Haven from Dec. 27th to Dec. 31st.

Prof. George B. Viles returned last Friday from Philadelphia, where he was present at the thirtieth annual meeting of the Modern Language Association of America, held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania, December 26 to 28. The convention was unusually well attended, the central location of the meeting place enabling a large number of Southern members to be present.

The Association delighted Colonel Roosevelt's heart by employing the abbreviated forms of spelling, which caused the convention program to give a startling shock to the eye of the unwary reader.

Frederick D. Carpenter, Trinity, '10, who is now acting as an instructor at Dartmouth College, was also present at the meeting. The feature of the convention was an address given by Prof. John Lomax of the University of Texas on "Negro Plantation Songs." He gave excellent imitations of the negro dialect in the songs of the cowboy yells in rounding up cattle.

MUSICAL CLUBS TO ENTERTAIN.

Concert and Dance in Alumni Hall Thursday Evening.

On Thursday evening in Alumni Hall the Trinity Musical Clubs will give a concert and dance, making their first appearance in Hartford. The concert will consist of twelve numbers, followed by two hours of dancing.

Both Glee and Mandolin Clubs are in excellent shape, as their work in the two previous concerts has shown. They have been rehearsing faithfully under their leaders and as a result have now acquired a finish in their work which makes them able to rank with the best other colleges have to offer. The soloists, C. E. Craik, Jr., Horace Fort and W. B. Spofford, have all shown remarkable merit in their work and are sure to please. The college quartet and the Jesters' Quartet have both been doing good work, the one rendering high-class music in brilliant fashion, the other giving parodies mingled with vaudeville. The program is as follows:

- 1 (a) There's a College on the Hill.
- (b) Drinking Song. *Glee Club*
- 2 Mammy's Shufflin' Dance, *Mr. Fort and Glee Club*
- 3 Phryne Waltz, *Mandolin Club*
- 4 Solo, selected, *C. E. Craik*
- 5 A Little Nonsense, *Messrs. Brainerd and Spofford*
- 6 (a) The Rosary,
- (b) The Night has a Thousand Eyes, *Glee Club*
- Intermission*
- 7 Selection, *Mandolin Club*
- 8 When Uncle Joe Plays a Rag, *Mr. Spofford and Glee Club*
- 9 Solo, selected, *Mr. Fort*
- 10 (a) Selections by the College Quartet.
- (b) Selections by the Jesters' Quartet.
- 11 (a) My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose,
- (b) Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes, *Glee Club*
- 12 'Neath the Elms.

Mrs. F. S. Luther, Mrs. R. G. Gettell, and Miss Anita McAlpine are to be the patronesses. Admission will be one dollar.

Dr. Ferguson Preaches.

The Rev. Henry Ferguson preached in chapel Sunday morning, taking as his text, Acts 22: 3, "I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers." Dr. Ferguson first discussed the ideals and aims of education, mentioning as such the acquirement of useful knowledge, to enable one to speak intelligently and write authoritatively, and the idea of education and the acquirement of culture as objects in themselves. He then gave a brief but comprehensive sketch of Paul's life, showing how Paul had lived up to the motto, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

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How about those studies? Only three weeks left to take care of them!

For the Musical Clubs.

The musical clubs which represent Trinity this year have been extolled in these columns in rather glowing terms before this, but good clubs are such a rarity that some skepticism and sundry grains of salt are naturally to be expected. But on this statement we would stake considerable. The clubs for the present year have seldom been equaled, and have probably never been surpassed at Trinity, and they may be compared very favorably with any like college organization.

Nevertheless, good clubs or no good clubs, it is almost impossible for the management to obtain dates for concerts. Previous clubs have not been of sufficiently high quality to impress those through whom concerts might be arranged, so with the advent of really good clubs, the prejudice previously formed is a difficult one to overcome.

The purpose of this is to ask help in this difficulty. Whether you be alumnus or student, if you think that your home town or city might enjoy listening to the clubs, look up the possibilities and try to obtain concerts for them. Doubters can be assured that they will get their money's worth. The clubs are worth while. Help them to show it.

Good Reading.

Prof. William Lyon Phelps of Yale has written a meaty and eminently readable book entitled, "Teaching in School and College," which should prove valuable alike to those who are teaching, to those who are going to teach, and to those who are taught. A portion from his chapter on "Teaching English Literature," in its elements and manner of presentation is of particular value to this last class, and we take the liberty of quoting as follows:

"The number and variety of courses in English Literature are now a notable feature of every college catalogue; every student feels that he must take "English." There is a practical reason for this which appeals to the student mind. It is simply the fact that every college graduate is supposed to have a fair knowledge of the history of English Literature and of its masterpieces. Most of our graduates live in civilized communities, and in social relations with intelligent people. A large staple of conversation consists of books and reading; the exchange of views on poets and novelists is one of the great clearing houses of human intercourse. A man with no knowledge of English Literature has no place in modern civilization. He is just as grotesque—just as much out of his element in modern life as a South Sea Islander would be in a Fifth Avenue drawing-room.

"But while this constitutes a strong practical motive for electing English, it is, after all, the least important reason for doing so. It is, indeed, properly analyzed, a Philistine impulse—the desire to obtain as much practical benefit as may be, with the least amount of unpleasant exertion. The real driving purpose of a student who enters upon a year's work in an English course should be higher and nobler than that; and the professor should not teach literature from the bargain-counter point of view. James Russell Lowell said that the chief glory of a college education was that it taught nothing useful—and I find myself in hearty agreement with the truth underlying this paradox. The study of English Literature is not intended to enhance a man's social value, and the study of English composition is not intended to produce creative writers; any more than the study of Geology is meant to make successful miners, or the study of Political Science to produce capitalists. I suppose the two greatest teachers of Political Science this country has ever seen were Professor W. G. Sumner and Professor Arthur T. Hadley, both of Yale. I had the privilege of studying under both men, as an undergraduate, and as a graduate student. Yet I think I have no more cash in my pocket now than if I had never attended their courses. But the remarks of those teachers in the classroom—the superfluous wealth of splendid minds—are part of my mental furniture to this day.

"Literature is the immortal part of history. It is the interpretation of life. The serious study of literature increases immensely a man's grasp of life's great problems, and it does more—in the language of the poet, it makes a man's reach exceed his grasp—and what does Philistine America need more than that? This is, perhaps, why a leading professor of Civil Engineering said that the last undergraduate course a student could take was any course except Engineering. I also heard a

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And every undergraduate who finishes a course in English Literature should feel not that he has completed the course, but that he has begun it. If a man does not have the love of good reading in college, it is probable that he will not acquire it later; the terrible cutthroat competition of modern business and professional life will conquer and dominate his soul. He may become a first-class business or legal machine; he will never become a man. On the other hand if one really learns to appreciate and to enjoy literature in school or college, one will always find or make leisure hours for it later. Men usually do what they went to do; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Faculty Notes.

Professor Riggs was detained at home during vacation by a bad attack of grippe from which he has not yet fully recovered, although he is meeting his classes.

Professor Babbitt was at Petersham, Mass., during the holidays.

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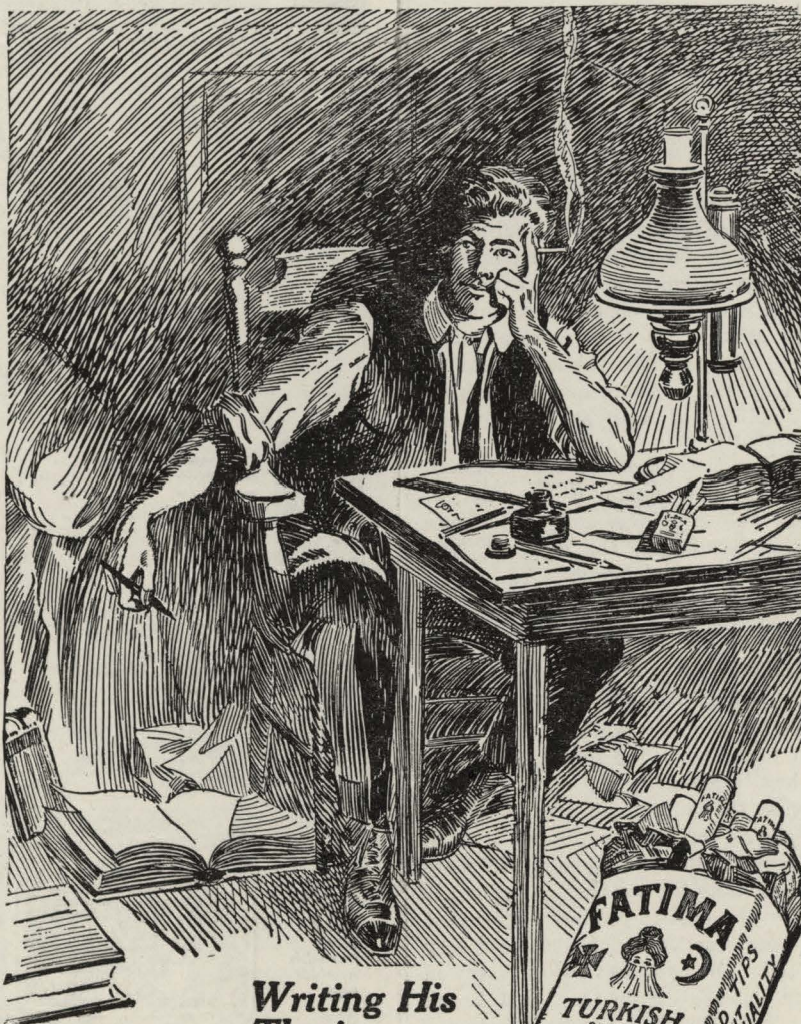
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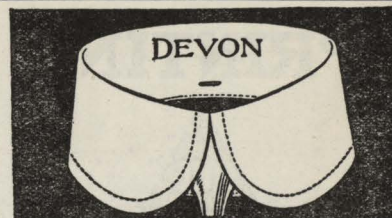
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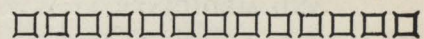
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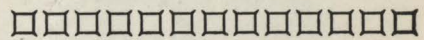
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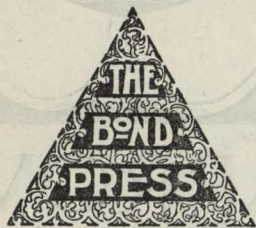
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It was decided at a meeting of the Junior Promenade committee to hold this year's function on Monday, April 21, three weeks after the end of the Easter vacation. The program for the Junior Week will probably not differ from that usual when given early in February. Definite arrangements for the week are not likely to be made until after the mid-year examinations.

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The talk was interspersed with numerous delightfully witty examples, descriptions and conclusions, one of them alluding to the training table, which, the professor thinks, as far as the food side is concerned, reflects on the ability of the athlete to eat intelligently.

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