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THE SOPHOMORE HOP.

Large Crowd Present. Music By Reisenweber's Orchestra.

The biggest, most brilliant and most successful Sophomore Hop which Trinity has ever seen, was held last Friday evening in Alumni Hall. Over a hundred couples and a number of stags were present, the guests coming from all over the East. After several dinner parties at the Hartford Golf Club, the hotels, and at private residences, the hop began at 8.30 o'clock. Supper was served in the gymnasium after the fifteenth dance, and it was long after three o'clock when the dance program of 30 numbers was finished.

The music was furnished by Reisenweber's noted colored stringed orchestra of New York, and it was universally pronounced to be intoxicating enough to make a corpse rise from its grave and rag. Altogether the affair had more the appearance of a junior promenade than of a hop.

The patronesses were Mrs. Flavel S. Luther, Mrs. John T. Robinson, Mrs. R. M. Bissell, Mrs. Frederick T. Simpson, Mrs. I. K. Hamilton, jr., Mrs. L. P. Waldo Marvin, Mrs. Raymond G. Gettell, and Mrs. C. L. F. Robinson. The sophomore hop committee consisted of James Landon Cole of Hartford, chairman; George Mallette Ferris of Newtown, ex-officio, Harold Benson Thorne, jr., of Montclair, N. J., Warren Lester Hale of East Hartford, Lowell Thayer Lyon of Pittsburg, Pa., Clarence Albert Meyer of Walpole, Mass., Robert Seymour Morris of Hartford, Peter Kristensen Rask, Erhardt Gillette Schmitt of Ansonia, Frederick Porter Woolley of Hartford, and William Lawrence Peck of Washington.

Among those present were: George Dawson Howell, jr., with Miss Marion Kingsbury of Scranton, Pa.; Louis O. deRonge of St. James, Md., with Miss O'Connor; Randwick Albert Bissell of Brandon, Vt., with Miss Behrens of Brooklyn, N. Y.; George Howard Elder of Baltimore, Md., with Miss Sexton of New Haven; Lowell Thayer Lyon of Pittsburgh, Pa., with Miss Purnell; Thomas Wolcott Little of Hartford, with Miss Mildred Corson; Edward Pickney Wroth of Baltimore, Md., with Miss Bristol; Frederick Barwick Castator of Brooklyn, N. Y., with Miss Ruth Storrs; Horace Fort of Baltimore, Md., with Miss Bloodgood of New York; Walter Frederick Borchert of Newburgh, N. Y., with Madeline Andrews of West Hartford; Bertram Bailey of Norwich, with Miss Strong of Wethersfield; Raymond Austin Bond of Hartford, with Miss Altemus; Charles P. Johnson of Norwich, with Miss Hale of Hartford; John E. Bierck of New York City, with Miss Alice Shaw of Berwick, Maine, and Smith College; Courtenay Kelso Page of New York City, with Miss Mae Stuyvesant of Rhinebeck-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Cornelius Weaver, with Miss Gertrude Bishop.

TENNIS PROSPECTS.

Good Material for 1914 Team. Strong Schedule Arranged.

Captain Burgwin of the tennis team reports that prospects for the coming season are excellent. Edsall, '15, and Burgwin, who helped keep Trinity's record so high last year, are ready for the approaching season and two other of last year's players, Barnett, '15, and J. G. N. Mitchell, '16, showed form in the fall tournament. The men of the class of 1917 brought to light some fine material during the fall contest and ought to hold their own in maintaining the high standard of this sport at Trinity.

Manager Edsall gives the encouraging report that approximately \$75 is all that is needed to pay the expenses of traveling and in guarantees for the 1914 season.

The schedule for 1914 is as follows:

Friday, April 24—Columbia at Hartford.
Saturday, May 9—Brown at Providence.
Thursday, May 14—Wesleyan at Hartford.
Monday, May 18—.....
and days following—New England Inter-collegiates at Longwood.
Saturday, May 23—Amherst at Amherst.
Wednesday, May 27—Dartmouth at Hartford.
Saturday, May 30—Williams at Williamstown.

Hobart James Roberts of Utica, N. Y., with Miss Bernice Loveland; Theodore Charles Kyle of New Milford, with Miss Marjorie Newton; Ernest Theodore Somerville of Toledo, O., with Miss Ruth Staub of New Milford; Herbert Spencer of Hartford, with Miss Georgia Leffingwell; George Mallette Ferris of Newtown, with Miss Winifred Alcott of New Haven; Charles Booth Plummer of Lake City, Minn., with Miss Arline Williams; Robert Seymour Morris of Hartford, with Miss Dorothy Lewis; Harold Benson Thorne, jr., of Montclair, N. J., with Miss Helen St. John; James Landon Cole of Hartford, with Miss Esther Lyman; James Archibald Mitchell of Centerville, Md., with Miss Eliza Cheney; Dallas Summerfield Squire of Morristown, N. J., with Miss Beatrice Cook; J. G. Neafie Mitchell of Williamsport, Pa., with Miss Dorothy Berlew of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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SOPHOMORES WIN DEBATE.

Decide in Favor of Four Years Course for B. A. Degree.

In the first debate of the season, the team representing the sophomore class won the decision over that of the freshmen, on Thursday evening, December 11th. The debate was an interesting one, not only from the standpoint of the arguments themselves, but from the fact that it gave the freshmen members of the association their first opportunity to speak in public. The question, an interesting one to college men, was, resolved: that a three years' course for the degree of B. A. should be adopted by American colleges and universities. The freshman team supported the affirmative, while the sophomores upheld the negative side of the question. The negative side was more confident in its delivery and upheld its arguments in a clearer manner, although the affirmative presented many weighty arguments and in the speech of J. B. Clement, '17, gave a very telling rebuttal. The affirmative side upheld arguments taking the following points as a basis: first, the desirability of obtaining a three-years' course, and second, the inefficiency of the present system. The three-years' course would increase the number of college graduates, and the nation, with its great problems of government, labor, and finance, needs broad-minded men to carry on its affairs. Men must enter upon their life work at an early age and the three years' course would enable a man to gain a year at a period in his life when every year counts. Another point that was enlarged upon was that from the side of the professional schools. Here it was claimed that a three-years' course would prove a great advantage.

The negative side claimed that the burden of the proof lay with the affirmative to prove the advisability of a change. They argued, that this plan, although proposed some years ago, had failed to make any advance of late years. Plans have already been devised for the aid of men entering professional schools and it would be a poor policy to harm the whole system of modern education for the benefit of a few. A change from a four to a three-years' course for the B. A. degree would lower the whole standard of American education. It would also make great inroads on the financial condition of the colleges.

After a short consultation, the judges, Professors Babbitt and Carpenter, and F. S. Fitzpatrick, '14, rendered a decision in favor of the negative. The teams were composed of the following men: for the affirmative—T. B. Clement, J. S. Kramer, and R. F. Hatch; for the negative—R. S. Johnston, J. G. N. Mitchell, and R. B. O'Connor. President Lazarus, '14, presided.

PROF. BRENTON PREACHES.

St. John an Example for Strong Men of Today.

Professor Cranston Brenton preached the sermon at the Sunday chapel service, and as at this time the Church is looking forward to the celebration of Christmas Day, drew his lesson from the life of John the Baptist, the forerunner and herald of the Christ. His text was chosen from Matthew 3: 14: "I have need to be baptised of thee, and comest thou to me?"

Professor Brenton indicated the historical conditions at the time when John was born, how the nation of David had long since fallen from power; no prophet had arisen since three hundred years, the temple was defiled, the priesthood sold, and the taxation of Rome oppressed the people.

John, whom we today think of as a man of great personality, withdrew into the wilderness not, he said, to escape men, but to learn to restrain his wild and turbulent nature, to learn of God the things not taught by the rabbis in the schools, the things of nature.

When the time was come, John came forth from the desert and preached the command: "Repent and be baptised for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Men and women of all stations of life came to hear him, for his message was of greater importance than the accumulation of power and wealth. Princes, Pharisees, Sadducees, who might have stopped him at a word, because he was strong in rebuke, accepted his baptism, repenting and confessing their sins.

The preacher spoke about the great change that one day came over the great leader, the man so strong that many had thought him to be the Saviour that was to come into the world. He recognized a person greater than himself among his hearers, a man of Galilee, younger than himself, gentle, and meek. Crying, "Behold the Lamb of God," he resigned henceforth his power and position to this newcomer, and when Christ came to him to be baptised, John said, "I have need to be baptised of thee, and comest thou to me?"

Professor Brenton presented this act of a strong man's resigning himself to Christ as an example to strong men of today.

He said: "Today we are too liable to think that Christ is for the weak. Strong men need Christ more than the weak, for they are prone to forget from whence comes their strength. Men think that the ministry is not a man's job and many who come to college with the intention of preparing themselves for it, slip away from that purpose. If any of you think that the ministry is not a man's job, I wish that I could make you feel the power of John."

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Alumni Please Notice.

We have endeavored to keep up the *Alumni Supplement* of the *Tripod*, and to furnish as much news as we can possibly get our hands on. We have had considerable difficulty, though, in getting our hands on enough to fill each issue of the *Supplement*. Considering that we only publish alumni news once a month, this is a deplorable state of affairs. The alumni have not responded at all, with two or three exceptions, to our appeals for help, whereas if a few of them took enough trouble to inform us of their own activities or of those of other Trinity graduates, we could easily fill the *Supplement*, and make it far more interesting and readable than it has been so far.

THE SOPHOMORE HOP.

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Senay of New London, with Miss Lyman; Albert Simpson of Illinois University, with Miss Miller; Joseph Pelton of Brooklyn, N. Y., with Miss Elizabeth Robinson; Henry Lawrence Brainerd of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., with Miss Julia Allen; Edward Abbe Niles of Concord, N. H., with Miss Marion Middlebrook; Charles Henry Baker, jr., of Zellwood, Fla., with Miss Francis Billings; Charles McIvor, with Miss Fox; Theodore Canfield Hudson, jr., of Paynesville, Minn., with Miss Helen Walker; Homer H. Coffee of Des Moines, Ia., with Miss Mabis of Greenwich; Edward Learned Pollock, jr., of Chicago, Ill., with Miss Bertha Lyman; Warren Hale, with Miss Whitney; Howard Jerome Livermore of West Hartford, Francis Bell Stites of Louisville, Ky., Frederick Griffin Dorwart of Newport, Pa., Kenneth Welles Boynton of New Milford, Richard Lush Maxon of Detroit, Mich., Frank Judson Brainerd of Portland, A. W. Duy, jr., S. E. Squire of Morristown, N. J. Harry Bockus, Samuel Harmon Edsall of Minneapolis, Minn., U. Thompson, H. M. Smith of New York, R. S. Martin of Royal Oak, Md.

Light on the Army-Navy Game.

The publishers of *Football for Public and Player* by Herbert Reed, now feel at liberty to announce that early in the season twelve copies of this book were ordered by the West Point Athletic Association for the use of the Army eleven and coach. Those who are searching for the reason why the Army by superior tactics and knowledge of the game turned the tables on the Navy, which had been a universal favorite, may be grateful for this bit of evidence. Football experts are also commenting on the almost uncanny way in which Mr. Reed's book indicated the results of the present season. The unexpected victories of smaller college elevens which have developed the open game, the failure of certain kinds of systems used by the big elevens, the successful field strategy of Harvard in the Yale-Harvard game at Cambridge—all these things find their full explanation between the covers of Mr. Reed's book, written before the season commenced. As there is little likelihood of radical changes in the rules, the book may be expected to exert even more influence next fall than it has this.

Do the alumni approve of the *Supplement*? Do they think it worth while? We have received neither encouragement or discouragement, and we are at a loss what to think. At any rate, unless we receive more coöperation, we will be obliged to discontinue the publication of the *Supplement*. The sheet is primarily for the alumni. If they cannot take sufficient interest in it to help, we certainly cannot be expected to go on with the work.

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He cited Washington praying before Valley Forge, Lincoln praying for strength to do his great work, and the other greatest men of all time as examples of those who rely for the strength on God. He said that times come to every man, whether he is studying for the ministry or not, when Christ is very close to him, and mentioned times of sorrow, bereavement, and disappointment as times when one looks for strength from a power without. He remarked that in the great painting entitled, "The Light of the World," Jesus is seen knocking at the door, but that the artist had depicted no latch on the outside of the door. "Christ cannot open from the outside, but must be let in from the inside." Along with nature, he said, a man feels his weakness and realizes the great power without himself. This yearning after God comes at the strongest moment of men's lives. If you are tempted to pray to God, do it,—"not the longest prayer, but the strong-


est prayer; when it is the hardest to pray, pray the hardest."

He said in closing: "John surrendered all of his strength and power to one he called "the Lamb of God." When you reach that stage, you will not feel that condescension which you now feel in following Christ, but you will feel that you are yielding to a stronger power than your own.

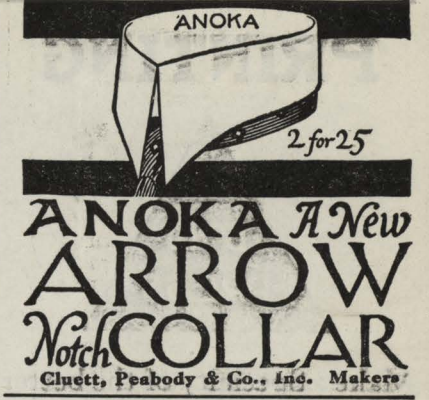
Vesper Service.

Vesper Service was held at the usual time last Sunday evening under the direction of Benjamin L. Ramsay, '14. Though several attempts were made to obtain a speaker for the occasion, no one was able to come, and the small number of men who turned out had to be satisfied with the regular order of evening service. Among others, Rev. C. C. Kennedy of Christ Church, Hartford, and Mr. W. S. Schutz, '95, were invited to be present, but other duties made it impossible for them to accept.

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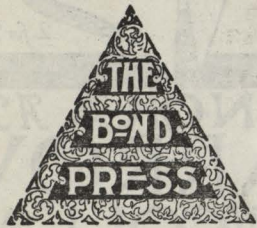
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The Senior-Junior Debate will be held in the History room Friday evening at 7.30 p. m. Question: *Resolved*, That the United States should annex Mexico. Affirmative, 1914—C. E. Craik, jr., A. Levin, E. M. Lazarus; negative, 1915—J. A. Mitchell, W. A. Duffy, L. Spitz.

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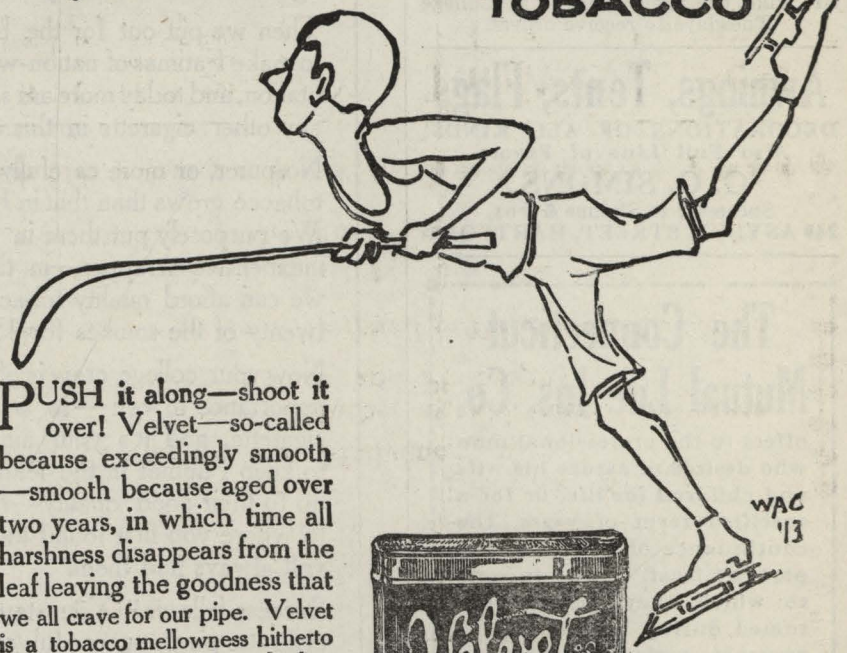
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