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#### BURNS FOR COACH.

#### Well Known Connecticut Player to Tutor Trinity Nine.

James Burns, more popularly known as "Jimmie," the well known Connecticut and Twin-State league ball player and manager, has been engaged as coach of the 1914 baseball team. Captain Murray and the Trinity management have been for a long time anxious to get Burns, as he has many qualifications which make him preferable to several other men who were possibilities for the position of coach. Although the contract will not be signed until Monday or Tuesday of next week, terms agreeable to both Burns and the Trinity management have been settled upon, and it is assured that Burns will be here to

Jimmie Burns is one of the best known and most popular ball players in western New England. In the days of the old Connecticut League he was with Springfield some four seasons prior to 1910. Springfield teams were pennant contenders then and Burns was a reliable mainstay. He played second base and shortstop and he was one of the best infielders in the league. While not a consistent .300 hitter, his average was always near that figure, and he was a fast and heady man on the bases. In the days that Burns played for Springfield, Dan. O'Neil was manager, and the fact that he was considered a reliable man by such a baseball expert as O'Neil, shows his true worth. In 1910 and 1911 the Northampton Club of the old Connecticut league acquired Burns. He played second base there and was one of the redeeming features of an otherwise poor team. In 1912, Bill. Luby, who had managed the Northampton club the year before, was retained as manager when the club switched to the Twin State League, and he kept Burns with him. Northampton won the pennant that summer, and Burns was the keystone around which the team was built. He was judged the best infielder in the league, and his name was among those topping the batting averages. So solid with the fans did Burns make himself that last summer he was signed to manage Northampton. As a player at his old position of shortstop he showed all the brilliancy of former years, and in addition displayed such managerical ability that his club won the pennant with a big margin to spare.

Such is the man who is to coach Trinity's baseball team this year, and his engagement makes the prospects anything but discouraging. He is to begin work with the candidates next week, and, by the terms of his contract, is to devote the whole and not part of his time to the team until the end of the

## EXCELLENT TENNIS PROSPECTS. Money Coming in Fast. Members of Team Will Train.

Manager Edsall of the tennis team reports that the money pledged to the tennis association is coming in well and that he is sure of having enough within a few days to pay off all the team's old debts. Meanwhile Captain Burgwin has ordered all men who are trying for the tennis team to attend the daily setting-up drill that Dr. Swan is giving the track men, so that they will be in perfect condition at the beginning of the season. The prospects for a good season and a strong team are very bright with four of last year's team as a These men are Captain nucleus. Burgwin, Manager Edsall, Mitchell, '15, and Bennett, '15. Peck, '15, and Niles, '16, are strong candidates for positions.

The schedule for 1914 arranged by Manager Edsall has been approved by the faculty committee. It consists of six difficult matches besides the New England Intercollegiate Tournament at Longwood, Mass.

#### Dr. Luther Returns from West.

Dr. Luther has returned from his trip in the west. He was away for two weeks and visited many important preparatory schools throughout the middle-west. Among these are the Culver Military Academy, the Shattuck school, the Howe school, and Washington's birthday was celebrated in Niagara Falls where he addressed the cadets of De Veaux College, of which the Rev. William S. Barrows, '84, is headmaster. Dr. Luther was entertained royally by many alumni whereever he stopped.

## STODDARD LANE SAILS. Will Study for Six Months in Germany.

Mr. Stoddard Lane, Amherst, '10, who has been the leader of the Bible Study Class this year, sailed for Southampton Tuesday on the "New York" of the American Line. He is on his way to Germany where he will pursue a six months' course of study along ideal lines at the University of Berlin. He expects to spend ten days sight-seeing in London.

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season. Burns has already made the announcement that he intends to lav special stress upon the batting and base-running of the men, to develop a hitting team, and one that is heady These very departments on the bases. of the game promised to be weak in this year's team, but now it is to be expected that this weakness will be overcome. The battery candidates were called out yesterday. Swift and Ferris, Carpenter of last year's team, and several new men reported to Captain Murray for preliminary work in the gym. With the arrival of Coach Burns next week, all candidates will be called out, and serious work will be begun at once.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.

#### Dr. McCook Preaches on Subject of Man's Conscience.

Ash Wednesday was fittingly observed at college with a sermon at morning chapel service followed by communion service, which was largely attended. First hour classes were omitted.

Professor J. J. McCook preached the sermon, His text was taken from Genesis 3: 9, "Adam, where art thou?"

He said in part: "The story of Adam teaches the great moral fact of the existence of God, of man's consciousness of Him, of sin and its shame. Adam is described as trying in vain to flee from God. Adam represents man today, for today men are seen cowering before their consciences. There are times when man finds himself alone with himself, his conscience, and his God.

"The exclamation, 'Where art thou?' was a cry of grief. It meant, 'What are thou?' and 'What art thou doing with thyself?' Find yourself. Be alone and drop distraction. Find out your God and let Him find you out. Let Him not have to utter that exclamation of disappointment and grief.

"If you do hear that cry; if it is the grief of a mother or a father for the son who has gone astray, let it call you back to your home and your God."

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#### Mr. Briggs to Attend Library Convention in New London.

Mr. Briggs, librarian of the college, is to attend the annual convention of the Connecticut Library Association of which he is president. The convention which is to be held Saturday of this week in New London, is expected to be one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held, and many fine speakers are to be present. Among these, and the principal speaker, is John G. Borglum, Gutzon Borglum, as he is more generally known, the well known sculptor and painter.

#### ALUMNI NOTES.

'79—Sydney George Fisher, who received his B. A. from Trinity in 1879, was recently honored at the University of Pennsylvania by the honorary degree of doctor of laws. He has also had honorary degrees conferred upon him by Trinity and the Western University. Dr. Fisher was admitted to the Philadelphia bar in 1883.

'95—Philip J. McCook, has been made chairman of the committee on Admission to the Bar Association of New York City, succeeding another Trinity man, Harmon Graves, in this office.

#### WORK ON LIBRARY.

### Erection of Williams Hall Going Forward Steadily.

Although this winter has been one of the most severe in recent years, it has not deterred the builders from their work on the new library. Even on the coldest days, when snow or rain has not prevented, some fifteen or twenty men have been busy on the interior of the eastern wing. From the exterior the building appears to be very far advanced. On both wings the brown stone and the white stone facings have been built up as far as the roof, and the big steel beams have been put in place for the support of the roof of the northern end, which is to contain the stack room. The roof of the eastern wing is now in the process of construc-

In the interior, however, there still remains a great deal to be done, and the foreman does not believe that the building can be completed by June. It will, however, undoubtedly be ready for occupation when 1918 enters next fall. At present there is a gang of about twenty men at work. The masons are not able to do much while the cold weather lasts, because the frost gets in the stones and coming out, freezes the mortar almost as soon as it is put on.

One of the most interesting features of the building of Williams Hall is the work of the huge derrick used by the construction company. The two arms must be nearly fifty feet in length, and the lifting capacity, when the derrick is properly adjusted, is eighteen tons.

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### J. H. Rosebaugh, '11, to Speak at Vespers.

J. H. Rosebaugh, '11, now a student at the Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, will speak at the Y. M. C. A. vesper service, to be held this Sunday at the usual time, 5.30. Several other good speakers, among them the Rev. Dr. Lewis, rector of St. John's Church, Waterbury, and the Rev. A. T. Gesner, professor of Ethics at Berkeley, have been obtained for future services. Those in charge of the services hope that the attendance of the students will warrant the expenditure of the time and eloquence of the speaker.

'06-Burdette Crane Maercklein is spending a few days in New York and White Plains.

ex-'12—A letter from William S. Lines, jr., from the Panama Canal Zone tells of improved health and an interesting trip taken with a party into the heart of the jungle, tiger hunting. Lines shot a leopard and will have the pelt cured and retain it as a souvenir of his experience,

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Professor Perkins Retained as Expert Witness.

Professor Henry A. Perkins, of the physics department is retained as an expert witness for the Hartford Gas Co., in a suit now in progress against that company for great damage done to property in an explosion of the gas sewers, which occurred last May.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE IN '33. A Letter By John Bigelow to George Benton, Washington,

Trinity College has not always enjoyed the condition of prosperity and the high moral tone with which undergraduates of the present time are familiar. Many of us know from hearsay and even personal observation of the unenviable conditions which abounded here only a few years ago, and from which our president, by diligence and perseverance has succeeded in rescuing us. All of us know of the period of long ago in the time of our fathers, when the moral and intellectual atmosphere of the college was beyond reproach,—at least that is the report given us by our fathers, and if we judge by the product of the period, we may well believe that it was really so. Perhaps not so many of us, however, know of the period of degradation which preceded those ideal days, of the fearful conditions which resulted in the reorganization of old Washington College into the Trinity College which has since established such a fine record.

Mr. Robert A. Benton, '64, encloses extracts from letters written to George Benton, '33, by John Bigelow, which give us an interesting first-hand idea

of those prehistoric days.
"I found the letters," writes Mr. Benton, "among some family papers, with several others from the same hand. Here you have an explanation why Bigelow, about 1833, left Washington College for Union, just about the same time John Williams, afterwards Bishop of Connecticut, left Washington for Harvard, I believe, perhaps, for the same reason. It occurred to me that you might like this extract—as there may be some still lingering who can recall something about our Alma Mater as she was sixty or seventy or more years ago."

Union College, May 1, 1834. My dear friend:

You can see by what you have already read that I have not forgotten my obligations to you; and by reading my superscription you can also see that I am at my intended situation. I came on last Tuesday and entered my division without any questions being asked, or any objections. A room was given me with my brother, and I have recited five recitations, and with what I have seen in these three days I declare my humble opinion that the College, even if not better as regards the pleasure to be enjoyed, is nevertheless far better for a student. I expect you will be somewhat astonished at having such an opinion as that supported of Washington College and indeed if any had told me six months before I knew, I should have called him a fool.

I am really pleased with my situation, nor am I at all sorry that I have left Washington College as I was afraid I should be.

Union College, Monday afternoon, June 11, 1830.

I had a letter from my ci-devant chum, (Hoyt) the other day; things go on about as usual in Hartford, and there appears to be about as much envy, jealousy, and ill-feeling there as Oh! how glad I am that I am free from its disgusting influence, for have suffered sufficiently from it. I am confident that it injured my natural disposition, perhaps more than any other cause while I was in Hartford. (Continued on page 3.)

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Union College, May 23, 1834.

I am still well pleased with my situation here, and think that I acted much to my advantage when I decided to leave Washington College. I like the faculty much better; they treat the students as gentlemen, and not so much as boys, which you know is agreeable to all, even those who can claim nothing better than boyish treatment, but which nevertheless I think is much the quickest way of making the students conduct like gentlemen. \*\*\*

I wish you might hear Dr. Nott speak. He gave the students a short lecture the other night, and I do think he is one of the pleasantest and easiest speakers I have ever heard; and you would really be astonished to hear, or rather see, how very popular he is. He can hardly say a word in the Chapel but the whole Chapel rings, and it seems that every one has the very highest esteem whenever he says anything in the Chapel about bad conduct among the students; he never says it is against the law, and for that reason they should not conduct so; but he

appeals to their good sense, and moral decency for to behave themselves; for, he says, the mere physical restraint that is put upon a person to keep him from doing wrong is but a miserable corrector, etc., and at the same time every one of the students retain the most profound respect, and he himself has a perfect command over the feelings and actions of every student as ever did a despot of antiquity. How very different President Wheaton. There is hardly a student but would get up and scrap him if they dared, or were not restrained by decency. Oh! I do feel more rejoiced every day that I left the College. \* \* \* \*

I must conclude by hoping, etc., \* \* \* \* and meantime shall hope to be enumerated among your strongest and best of friends. JOHN BIGELOW.

To George Benton, '33.

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