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Y. M. C. A. ELECTS OFFICERS. J. A. Mitchell, '15, Chosen President for Coming Year.

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. held Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, James Archibald Mitchell. Vice-President, John Norton Ives. Secretary, Randwick Albert Bissell. Treasurer, Howard Rice Hill.

Before the election of officers, Moses, '14, read a brief report of the work of the Y. M. C. A. during the past fifteen months. In that period Bible and mission study classes have been started under competent leaders, the Spruce St. settlement work has been practically taken over by the college organization and steps are being taken to secure a general secretary for the work in the college. All this has been accomplished through the willing and hearty cooperation of the members of the organization during the past year.

All the new officers have been active in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and have done a great deal to establish it in its present position. Mitchell and Hill were both delegates representing Trinity at the recent Kansas City Convention

for Student Volunteers.

JUNIORS WIN DEBATE.

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Overcome Seniors in Argument About Mexico.

The second inter-class debate was held in the history room on Friday night, December 19th. A large and attentive audience heard the seniors and juniors discuss the live question, Resolved, That the United States should Mexico. The seniors, represented by C. E. Craik, jr., A. Levin, and E. M. Lazarus, attempted to uphold the affirmative, while J. A. Mitchell, L.Spitz and W. E. Duffy, on the negative side, won the debate for the juniors. The judges were Dr. Adams and Messrs. Barrows and Corbett. F. S. Fitzpatrick, '14, presided.

Until the last moment the juniors seemed to have a little the better of the arguments presented, but Lazarus, '14, put up such a strong defense in his summary in the rebuttal, and so successfully answered many of his opponents' arguments, that many began to wonder in whose favor the decision would be given. However, Duffy, the last speaker on the negative, with his wit and sarcasm, used his opponents' arguments for his own purposes, by training so many new lights upon them. The team for the juniors seemed to work together better and the speeches followed in better sequence than did those of their opponents.

Dr. Adams, in announcing the decision of the judges, said that the affirmative side usually had the more difficult duty to perform in upholding the argument, but that in this case, the affirmative had failed to maintain their stand.

ALUMNI PRIZE THEMES.

Great Variety of Subjects Chosen By Thirteen Competitors.

Thirteen alumni themes have been received by the English department in competition for the Alumni Prizes. All the names given as authors are fictitious, but the titles of their papers are as follows:

- 1—Rudyard Kipling—An Essay.
- 2-Religion and The Home.
- 3-The Land of Cain.
- 4-Our Problem in the Philippines.
- The Relation of the Church and the College Man.
- 6-China-The Infant Republic.
- The Recent Blood-Accusation in
- -The Art of Pictorial Caricature.
- 9-The Penalties of Indifference.
- 10-For Thirty Pieces.
- 11-The Early Inspiration of William Morris.
- 12—Shakespeare's Fools.

13-Unto This Last.

Communication.

December 22, 1913.

I have just read with interest W. B. Pressey's castigation of the Sophomore Dining Club, and cannot refrain from sending in my opinion of the matter. He brings several charges against the organization which appear to me to be illogical. In fact, they are so much so that I hardly know where to begin.

The Sophomore Dining Club is of course as everybody knows a society for the promotion of fellowship and good feeling among the representative men of Trinity. In this it has succeeded and no more has ever been expected of it. It being so it necessarily follows that it. is a true mirror of Trinity life and whatever is directed against the morals of the club is directed against the Trinity College body as a whole. Mr. Pressey calls it an organization for the possession of which deals were hatched. Is it worse than the fraternities in this respect? I will admit that jealousies may be caused by the elections, but is this not true in a greater degree of the Senior Honorary Society? There may drinking done at the banquets, but decidedly in a less degree than at the Freshman-Junior banquet and some of the informal gatherings down town. Let us abolish all the student activities and run the college on a strictly negative basis and then we will effectually eliminate the faults as well as the character of the college. Prohibit the freshman banquet, the Sophomore Dining Club, the Medusa, the fraternities, the college smokers, and the Wesleyan football game and the faults of the college will be done away with along with its vitality.

The only important charge brought against the club to my mind is that it 'stands for things foreign to Trinity", but there is a fallacy here also, I think.

SENATE MEETING.

College Smoker Next Monday. Professor Perkins to Speak.

> Friday, Jan. 9, 1914, Tripod Room.

Meeting called to order at 12.45 by President Fitzpatrick. Roll-call showed Messrs. Burgwin and Wessels absent, and M. A. Mitchell of St. Anthony Hall, filling the vacancy left by Mr. Stites.

Mr. Hudson reported that the third Friday in January had orginally been set for the college smoker, but that the date had been changed to the nineteenth, because Professor Perkins, who will give a lecture on Iceland, had an engagement for the first date.

President Fitzpatrick, discussing the financing of the tennis team, reported that it was impossible for the athletic association to give any assistance. The surplus money from the piano fund could possibly be used for tennis. The tennis team has a debt of \$75.00, and \$50.00 is needed to run the team for the coming season, so altogether \$125.00 is absolutely essential if tennis is to continue at Trinity. If the team does not pay the \$75.00 debt, the creditors could force Trinity to resign from the New England Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The question, President Fitzpatrick said, could be brought before the college body at the coming meeting.

Mr. Levine said that the collection of money by assessment was a poor plan, and suggested that funds be acquired by subscription. Mr. Hudson moved that a committee be appointed to devise means of raising money for tennis team. Carried.

Mr. Roberts reported that Professor McCook had said that there could be Mr. college basketball team. Roberts volunteered to draw up rules for intramural basketball, and was authorized to start with the work immediately.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

LOUIS O. de RONGE, Secretary.

The club "stands for" the promotion of fellowship. The things it has been accused of, if they be true, are regrettable incidents. The club does not "stand for" deals, drinking, jealousies, etc. It is folly to say that. Nor does it promote them in sufficient degree to warrant dissolution as Pressey seems to think. Dr. Luther once stated that at times "a young man's blood boils" (if it isn't water). The death of the Sophomore Dining Club wouldn't prevent this.

While of course it must always be borne in mind that men come to college with work to do and that the serious side of life is the important one, yet it must be remembered that every wellrounded character has a social element which needs expression. While many

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WINTER TRACK WORK. Captain Wessels Getting Men in Shape for Armory Meet.

Since Thursday of last week, work has been progressing in preparation for the meet to be held in the Armory on February 20. Captain Wessels has not heard definitely from the officials of the Armory yet, but practice will probably be begun at that place within the next five days. The facilities will be much better there this year, as no auto show will be held, and it has been arranged to mark out a suitable track, so things look promising. So far, work to develop a relay team has been pushed forward as fast as possible in the gymnasium and a squad of ten or twelve men have been reporting daily for indoor practice or a run in the open, and for a drill of set-up work. As soon as word is received, however, work will be begun in the Armory, and Captain Wessels will arrange with McIntyre for the entries in the relay. It is hoped that a relay team can be developed this year which will be fast enough to represent Trinity, and it only remains with the men to do this. There is plenty of good material in the college to develop a fast team, if it will only come out. Trinity ought to have such a team, as hockey is now the only winter sport here, so it is up to the men to get to work, and to get to work now. If the team shows up in any kind of form in the Armory meet, it will probably represent Trinity in the Pennsylvania Carnival later in the spring, so there is a double incentive. Horace Olmstead, who coached the team last year, although unable to give his full time to the work, has kindly consented to be at the Armory at least once or twice a week to put the team in shape. It is probable that a number of men will be entered in individual events at the meet, although this point has not been decided definitely as yet.

Junior Assembly.

The junior class will hold an assembly on Thursday, January 15. Dancing will last from eight o'clock until midnight. Hatch's orchestra will furnish the music.

Shelley Elected to Senate.

A meeting of the junior class was called on Friday at 12.45 for the purpose of electing a class representative on the senate, to fill the place left vacant by F. B. Stites, who has left college. choice of the class fell upon I. B. Shelley. Shelley has played for two years on the 'varsity baseball team, is a member of the glee club, of the sophomore dining club, and of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

Concerning Inter-Fraternity Basketball.

Editor Trinity Tripod, Dear Sir:

If you could spare the space I should like to make a few remarks in regard to the proposed inter-fraternity basketball league. After three years of interclass games I have yet to see the game that can be played without more or less intense friction. Basket-ball is not at all like baseball as regards the effect upon the players. In baseball the tendency seems to be to take out your grudge on the umpire or the ball but in basketball the usual procedure seems to be to "mix it up" with your opponent. Interclass games have in the past produced strong class feeling, a thing that Trinity seems to be weak on if class spirit may be judged by attendance at class meetings. Interfraternity basketball would increase fraternity spirit which is already too strong for the good of the college. Before the different fraternities decide to enter a team I hope they will at least put some serious thought on the question. Let us have more inter-class relations but let us not increase, if we can help it, the strong fraternity spirit that exists at the present time.

RAY H. DEXTER, '14.

SUNDAY CHAPEL.

E. P. Wroth, '14, Tells of Kansas City th Convention. at as ity

At the Sunday chapel service, E. Pinkney Wroth, the senior member of the college's delegation sent to the Student Volunteer Conference held at Kansas City during vacation, read a paper describing his experience at the conference. Besides describing Convention Hall, the arrangements for accommodating the vast number of delegates, and the programme of the convention as outlined in the last issue of the Tripod, he entered into a detailed account of the proceedings day by day.

Morning and evening sessions were held daily in Convention Hall and sectional conferences were held each afternoon in the large churches throughout the city. On Thursday, January 1, the afternoon conferences were on the separate mission fields. The delegates attended the conference which considered the field which most interested them. On Friday the various denominations met separately under the guidance of their own boards of missions. The need of more uniformity of purpose among the churches working in foreign lands was emphasized at the meeting of the Protestant Episcopal delegates, on Saturday. Institutions met according to their various classifications. The college conference learned that the great sin of the colleges was provincialism. The study of world problems was named as the cure. On Sunday, the men and women delegates met separately in two of the churches. giving over the Convention Hall to the citizens of Kansas City.

After mentioning the afternoon conferences as above, the speaker took up the subjects covered at the daily morning and evening sessions at the hall. The opening day was devoted to the general aims of the convention. Emphasis was laid on the oneness of the task of facing the whole world, and upon the spiritual solidarity of the students of North America. The perils and problems of missionary work were made clear at the outset.

At the next day's meetings particular fields were reviewed and the need of helpers shown. An injunction to live Christian lives was made to the students of America, so that they would be worthy examples to foreign students seeking the truth.

North America's great part in the work of missions was demonstrated at the Friday meeting. Doctor Mott, the presiding officer of the convention, remarked upon the progress which he had noted in his travels. He said, "Everywhere the door is now open, and good men are needed to enter." The essentials of preparation for missionary work were discussed in their three-fold phases, the social, intellectual and spiritual.

Missionary strategy was the topic for Saturday. Doctor MacDonal, editor of the Toronto Globe, praised the United States for her peaceful boundary line of 3000 miles between her and his own country. Doctor Mott announced the singing of one verse each of "America" and "God Save the King."

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SUNDAY CHAPEL.

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On Sunday the subject was the personal responsibility in Christian work. Many delegates signed declaration cards which read: "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary.'

The speaker said that the Sunday night service, the last one of the conference, was the most impressive of all. The Honor Roll, containing the names of those who had died in foreign fields, in the last year and of those who were to go out into a foreign field in the coming year was read.

Mr. Eddy told the students of the responsibility that was theirs in returning to their colleges and churches: "To face the facts presented and come to a decision, and having done so, to begin in the colleges and churches to prepare for their life-work in the world."

Doctor Mott closed the convention with an appeal to each student for a daily hour of uninterrupted prayer. "If Christ found this necessary, can we run the risk of doing without it?"

Communication.

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overdo this phase, still more neglect it. The overthrowing of Trinity's social customs would, I am sure, do a grave injury to the college.

In conclusion, I think that the accusations might be applied better generally to all American college social organizations than to our maligned body which is unusually quiet for a club of its kind, that the writer has confused the aims of the Sophomore Dining Club with its faults, and that as a whole, the article is exaggerated and unjust.

Yours truly.

PAUL MAXON, '11.

Hockey with Amherst Postponed.

The hockey game with Amherst scheduled for last Saturday, was postponed because of lack of ice at Amherst. It is likely that the game will be played Wednesday, January 21st, if the faculty approves.

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