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S. D. C. BANQUET.

Members Draw Up and Adopt New Constitution.

The annual initiation banquet of the Sophomore Dining Club was held at the New Bond Hotel on Saturday evening, March 14, and was decidedly successful. This year's banquet marked a new departure from the usual type of S. D. C. banquets in that emphasis was laid on the discussion of the new constitution rather than on the speeches although plenty of opportunity was afforded many of the members to display their oratorical style, and it is needless to say that such opportunity was not allowed to slip by. Howard R. Hill, '15, was the toastmaster. He first introduced President Fitzpatrick who spoke on the necessity of regulating the S. D. C. and commended briefly the constitution drawn up by the 1916 delegates of the S. D. C. The constitution was read, discussed at some length and finally officially adopted. Before proceeding to the speeches, a motion was made and passed, that "it be the sentiment of the S. D. C. that starting next year the present section system be broken up and that an appeal be sent to Dr. Luther urging that the old library be turned into a college Union to be used as the social center of Trinity undergraduate life. The formal toasts of the evening were responded to by B. L. B. Smith, '15, who spoke "Democracy at College", R. Kinney, who spoke on "Fraternities and the S. D. C.," and R. S. Morris, '16, who spoke on "Trinity Pep." These were followed by many informal toasts. Arrangements for the banquet were made by Cole, '16. The menu follows:

Grape Fruit Supreme Catint Ousters Potage de Volaille

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Petit Poir Salad Printaniere Meringe glace' Assorted cake

Demi Tasse

Those present at the banquet were: F. S. Fitzpatrick, H. Fort, H. R. Hill, G. D. Howell, H. L. Brainerd, M. C. Furnivall, R. B. Kinney, B. L. B. Smith, I. B. Shelley, S. H. Edsall, J. P. Murray, J. N. Ives, J. L. Cole, R. S. Martin, R. L. Maxon, F. Lambert, R. S. Morris, T. Lyon, T. H. Craig, jr., C. H. Perkins, D. A. Gillooly, H. Spencer, J. H. Townsend, jr., F. B. Castator,

The newly adopted Constitution is as follows:

The Sophomore Dining Club is an honorary society for members of the Sophomore Class deemed worthy of membership in said Club.

SOUTH AMERICAN SEMINAR. Schedule Almost Completed. Special Speakers Secured.

Arrangements have been completed for the course on South America which is being conducted by Mr. Briggs as the Mission Study Class of the Y. M. C. A. this term. A special effort has been made this year to render the course as thorough and as attractive as possible and with this end in view special speakers have been secured to cover specific sides of the subject.

A regular meeting of the class will be held this Thursday the 19th, at 7 o'clock at the Alpha Delta Phi house. On March 23, Professor Barrows will speak of the Physical Features of South America. On Friday, April 3, there will be no special speaker and on April 6, Professor Gettell will cover the historical side. After the Easter vacation the meetings will be continued weekly and Professors Kleene and Galpin have been secured to speak respectively upon the economic side the language and literature. In addition to these special speakers, the various countries have been assigned to men who are supposed to read up upon them and be prepared to answer any general questions in regard to their assignment. The chapters in Albert E. Speer's book "South American Problems," have also been assigned for special study.

The first chapter will be considered this Thursday at the regular meeting. Everyone is welcome at the sessions of the Seminar-particularly when the special speakers are to be present.

Article II.

The object of the Sophomore Dining Club is to increase the good-fellowship between men of various houses, to be an end to which freshmen shall aspire, to be the honorary society of the Sophomore Class and in this way lead men to greater efforts than they otherwise would make.

Article III.

This constitution shall be subject to alteration or amendment by an unanimous vote of the delegation concerned in the passing of said article or amendment.

Article IV.

Election to this society shall be based on:

Athletic Ability.
College Spirit and General Ability.
Good Fellowship.
Scholarship.

Article V.

A man shall be elected by a four-fifths (4-5) vote. The number of men elected shall be limited to fifteen: six shall be elected by the outgoing delegation; the next six by the outgoing delegation and the first six elected. The last three men shall be elected by the twelve. The first six shall be elected by November first of each year, and the next six within one week after the election of the first six. The last

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MONROE DOCTRINE WINS. Juniors Defeat Sophomores in Hot Debate.

The final inter-class debate held Friday evening between the junior and sophomore teams resulted in a victory for the juniors. This gives the first place to the team representing the latter class, as they have won from the seniors, and the sophomores have defeated the freshmen. The debate was an interesting one and was heard by an appreciative audience. question debated was, resolved: That the Monroe Doctrine should be abandoned as a policy of the United States.

The meeting was called to order by President Lazarus, '14, president of the association, and R. S. Johnston, '16, opened for the affirmative. He spoke first of the origin of the Monroe Doctrine, grouping its phases under three heads, the relation to Europe, the relation to our own government, and the relation to the governments of the South American countries. He stated that primarily the Doctrine was not an American policy, having been introduced by Canning, the great English statesman, to prevent the South American countries from again becoming a province of Spain. He went on further to say that in the Spanish War the United States had violated her part of the arrangement interfering in the internal affairs of Europe and that it was little more than absurd to hold England to her side. Ingersoll, speaking for the negative, viewed the origin from a different side, disagreeing with Johnston's version of its former history. The speakers following based their arguments, for the negative on the following points: the injury to commerce by the enforcing of the Doctrine, the strained and even hostile relations between the two continents, resulting from the Doctrine, or "Monroeism" as it is called by the South Americans, and the increasing difficulty in enforcing such a doctrine. The negative team supported their side arguing first from the success of the Doctrine in its past history, and second the absolute need of such a policy not only as a protection to the weaker countries of the southern continent, but as a defence against the danger from encroachment of European nations on American soil. Duffy, '15, delivered an eloquent appeal to the audience by referring to the Doctrine as being a policy compatible with the honor, dignity, and every other phase of our nationality.

After a rebuttal in which each side delivered a few scathing remarks as to the veracity of the other, the judges retired for a short period and returned to render a unanimous verdict in favor of the negative side. The speakers were: for the affirmative-R. S. Johnston, R. B. O'Connor, and J. G. N. Mitchell; for the negative-Ingersoll, Duffy, and Spitz. The judges were, Professors Barrett and Kaufman, and Mr. Steelman.

THE MILITARY CAMPS.

Success Induces Government to Continue Project.

"When war is knocking at the door, be prepared to keep the peace."

During the past few years, realizing the necessity for carrying out this maxim, the United States Government has been endeavoring in every way to bring its military resources, as far as is possible under our anti-militaristic sentiment, up to such a point of efficiency that in case we are forced to take action. the cause of such necessity may speedily be corrected and peace restored. As a part of its plans it has established a system of camps of instruction held during the summer months for the purpose of giving students of colleges and universities an opportunity of receiving military training.

Our military arm consists of two parts, the regular army and the militia. The former is among the best trained in the world, but because of our prejudice against large standing armies, it is merely a nucleus which must, in time of need, be supplemented by the citizen soldiery. The latter, officially known as the militia, is divided into two classes: the organized militia, or the National Guard, and the Reserve Militia, composed of all other ablebodied citizens between the ages of eighteen and forty-five. In former emergencies, the first recourse to the latter has been by means of calls for volunteers, which has meant that all the trouble, worry, expense and waste of time, resources and energy incident to creating an army out of absolutely raw, untrained material, have been necessary before a force could be put in the field. After sufficient time has elapsed for them to adjust themselves, this volunteer army has formed the backbone of our fighting force, and has rendered high service.

However, the fighting machine of today and the fighting machine of yesterday are as totally different from each other as are the highly organized thoroughly scientific business institutions of today and the old-fashioned concerns of the past. The military system of today must be at the very front in methods of efficiency. The enthusiastic but haphazard volunteer organizations of the past are not suitable for the needs of the present. The volunteers of today must have better training. But how are we going to secure this? The least we can do is to place over them intelligent men with a sufficient training to enable them to comprehend thoroughly the conditions of military service, and the methods of handling and caring for troops in the field. Such leaders cannot be supplied by the National Guard, nor by the regular army, for they are needed in the first line of defence.

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three men shall be elected only if deemed advisable by the twelve, and shall be elected before the expiration of the first week of the Trinity term.

Article VI.

Nominations shall be open.

Article VII.

Officers are to be elected by ballot after open nomination. There shall be two officers: Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer; the Chairman shall preside at all meetings, in his absence a temporary chairman shall be appointed. Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and shall write up the minutes of each meeting. The officers shall be elected by majority vote. These officers shall hold office as long as their delegation is active.

Article VIII.

Membership shall be conferred by initiation.

Article IX.

There shall be regular meetings held the last Friday of each month. The place of meeting to be decided upon at the time of the previous meeting. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chairman. Article X.

The symbol of the Club shall be a white hat with yellow band, if desired. The regular symbol shall be a pin or charm (optional) of uniform design.

Article XI.

No intoxicating liquor shall be served at any of the banquets. *

THE MILITARY CAMPS. (Continued from page 1.)

It was to supply this body of reserve leaders for voluntary troops that, upon the suggestion of Major General Wood, the Secretary of War instituted in 1913 the summer camps of instruction for college students. Here, for five weeks, the theoretical principles of tactics are taught by means of discussions, lectures, tactical walks and war games. this time the student is taught the use of the rifle, and given practice on the target range. Every American is not a natural-born crack shot, and in general, outside of military organizations, knows nothing whatever of the modern rifle. He is also given instruction and practice in physical drill, marching, camping, field cooking, camp sanitation, first aid to the injured, personal hygiene, and many other things that are of practical value in other circumstances than merely military. A model of perfection is presented at first hand in having regulars take part in the camp. For instructors, officers are selected not only for their proficiency and ability to teach their subjects, but for their high ideals and congeniality with men of college age.

But aside from the military benefit to the students, in being better fitted for service to their country in time of war, they are given a more direct personal benefit in the splendid physical training and healthful open air life, and their economic value and business efficiency in times of peace is increased by giving them an opportunity to study the principles of command, organization and administration, and to experience the value of discipline obtaining in modern armies.

Students in the New England colleges will be given an opportunity to attend one of these camps at Burlington, Vermont, from July 6 to August 7. Other camps will be held in California, Virginia, and on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. Last year over two hundred students attended the two trial camps, one held at Gettysburg, the other in the west, and they were so enthusiastic that they formed themselves into a national association to promote interest among students. The advisory committee is composed of the presidents of nine representative institutions, including all sections of the country. These men have made a thorough investigation of the camps, and endorse the project in the highest terms.

The Tripod will be glad to furnish additional information to any of its readers who may be interested in the

Alumni Please Notice.

The editor has been asked by the secretary of the class of 1910 to furnish the names and addresses of the life secretaries of 1909, 1911 and 1912. The editor regrets to confess his inability to do so. Will the alumni in question, or some other readers of the Tripod volunteer the information?

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The fourth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew was again the text of Dr. Luther's sermon, last Sunday. This time the text was from the fifth to the seventh verses and related to the second temptation of our Lord, namely to cast Himself down from a high place, trusting that God would preserve Him.

Many people are affected by heights, said Dr. Luther, and feel an almost irresistible desire to plunge to earth. And that desire is also known spiritually. There are many who from the pinnacle of safety, either physical or moral, desire to tempt the power of God. In some cases, such as the sacrifice of Arnold Winkelreid in the cause of liberty, or that American doctor who gave up his life that the cause of humanity might be furthered by the prevention of yellow fever, the trial was justified.

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vicious in the world, and to them God gives aid, though that cannot be always taken for granted. But he who deliberately, and for no justifiable cause, exposes himself to peril simply as a test of his personal strength, or of the power of God, can only hope to fail, for "It is written again, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Alfred Noyes to Lecture in Hartford.

SIF REMORDE

Trinity men will be interested to hear that Alfred Noyes, Litt. D., the noted English poet, will lecture at Unity Hall in Hartford on Wednesday, April 1. His subject will be "The Future of Poetry," and he will also give readings. The lecture will be given under the auspices of the Hartford College Club for the Spruce Street Settlement, in which several Trinity men are interested. Tickets may be obtained from J. H. Townsend. '16.

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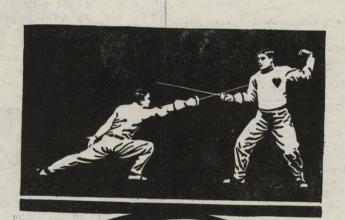
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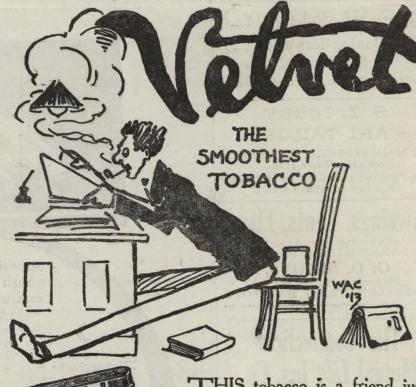
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