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JUNIOR SMOKER.

Alpine Climbing the Subject of a Paper by Professor Perkins.

Tuesday evening was the occasion, and the Alpha Delta Phi house the place, of the third of the junior smokers. The speaker of the evening was Professor Henry A. Perkins, who read an extremely entertaining and instructive paper on the subject of mountain climbing in general and Alpine climbing, particularly. Professor Perkins has himself had considerable experience among the mountains of Switzerland and other countries, hence he was able to give to his descriptions a personal touch which made them doubly interesting.

At the beginning of his paper Professor Perkins gave a brief outline of the history of this youngest of pastimes, whose first devotees were not really devotees at all, as they climbed chiefly in the interest of science, and then only when unavoidable. Mt. Blanc was scaled in 1851 and the Matterhorn later, and shortly after the first of the Alpine clubs were formed. Since then, the clubs have multiplied until about 50,000 persons are enrolled, besides other devotees not connected with a club. In this pastime, which demands of its devotees mainly robust health and a love of mountain scenery, the English excel and have to their credit a long list of first ascents.

The sport is classified, said Professor Perkins, into two branches: rock climbing and snow climbing. The interest in the former is mainly dependent on the difficulties of hand holds and the close proximity of chasms about two thousand feet deep. "Chimney climbing," or the ascent of a cliff by means of a vertical box-shaped cleft, was described, and particularly the experience of a certain German would-be mountaineer. Having a decided tendency to corpulence, this gentleman employed four guides to haul him up a particularly difficult chimney by means of ropes. Two-thirds of the way up he stuck, "passed out" from fright, and the guides were nine hours in pushing him down to the base of the cliff.

Snow climbing is by far the better of the two phases of mountaineering, Professor Perkins further stated. Among the attractions offered by the average snow-clad peak are glaciers containing crevasses, deep holes or "moulins", and pinnacles of rolling ice which are eager to fall on the least provocation; glaze slopes of ice where a slip means a rapid descent of half a mile; and "couloirs", or open stretches where the climber is exposed to avalanches and the bombardment of rolling stones. It was in crossing a couloir that the most famous of all Alpine guides was killed. Here Professor Perkins

THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Paper on Sympathetic Nerves by Professor Carpenter.

It will be of interest to men who are taking courses in the department of biology to learn that Professor Frederick W. Carpenter has recently completed a work, the title of which is "A Study of Ganglion Cells in the Sympathetic Nervous System, with Special Reference to Intrinsic Sensory Neurons." This paper, which is now in press, consists of a report of an investigation on the microscopic structure of nerve cells in the sympathetic nervous system of mammals. The work that paved the way for this report was done in collaboration with Mr. J. L. Conel, of the graduate school of the University of Illinois. One phase of the research was undertaken and completed by Mr. Conel last year as a master's thesis in zoölogy under the direction of Professor Carpenter who was then head of the department of biology at the University of Illinois. Mr. Conel's name will appear as joint author of the report.

The results of this important investigation tend to show that there is no convincing historical evidence of the presence of intrinsic sensory nerve cells in the sympathetic nervous system. On the contrary, this system seems to be dependent upon the cerebro-spinal system (cranial and spinal nerves) for its sensory fibers.

The paper will be illustrated by twenty-two figures of nerve cells. These figures will be in the form of pen and ink drawings made by the authors. It is to be published in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*, and will probably appear in the June number. At the time of publication it will also be printed as a separate pamphlet for distribution among zoölogists and anatomists interested in the study of the nervous system.

read the thrilling account of the accident as described by one of the party who survived, although frozen in the closely packed snow so that he had to be dug out by his comrades.

The various important peaks of the Alps were then described, Mt. Blanc, as the highest, the Weisshorn as the most beautiful, due to the excellent view obtainable from its summit, and the Matterhorn, because of steep cliffs and falling rocks.

There is no limit to the field of peaks open for conquest by enthusiastic mountain-climbers. The Canadian Rockies, Iceland, the Andes, the Caucasus Range, and lastly, the Himalayas are inexhaustible openings for the exercise of the mountain-climber's skill. In the Himalayas there are 75 peaks over 24,000 feet in altitude which have been surveyed, and countless others of which we have practically no knowledge.

In the purely social interval after Professor Perkins' address, Bent, Brainerd, and Moore, '14, proved themselves able entertainers at the piano.

PROF. BARROWS LECTURES.

Discusses Physical Features of South America at Seminar.

On Monday night, at the Psi Upsilon fraternity house, Professor Barrows lectured before a well-attended mission study seminar, on the subject of the physical features of South America. Immediately after the lecture, the seminar took up a discussion of the South American republics of today, this being led by Messrs. J. S. Moses, '14, and J. F. English, '16.

Professor Barrows first discussed the general topography of the South American continent, and the various influences which affect the climate. Then he showed how these conditions affected the peoples, influenced their mode of life, etc. He gave an interesting review of the various States and presented some facts in regard to the comparative size, resources, etc., of those countries and our own which were startling because so generally over-looked. Finally, the resources of the different localities were taken up in detail, and their exploitation explained. Professor Barrows clarified his points by the use of a large map, by which many of his explanations were made more graphic.

After a few questions concerning the topic of the lecture, the regular session of the seminar was opened with a prayer by H. Fort, '14. The second chapter of Speer's "South American Problems," which dealt with the republics of today, was taken up by Messrs. Moses and English. Much of the matter was simplified by reason of the lecture immediately before. The two leaders brought out matters which concerned more nearly the economic, social and moral well-being of the people themselves, and much light was thrown on the condition of our Latin-American neighbors, both in the way of advantages of which few of us are aware, and conditions which need correcting, concerning the true state of which we are equally ignorant.

The meeting was attended by an encouraging number, and the special speaker seemed to be quite a drawing card. From time to time other professors will be invited to present their knowledge of South America in the particular fields which they represent, and an interesting and instructive series is assured.

At the next seminar, the place to be announced later, the problems of education will be presented by Messrs. Cowles, '15 and Pierpont, '16, with W. F. Borchert, '14, as chaplain.

Dr. Luther in New Haven.

Doctor F. S. Luther was among the many guests at the banquet of the Ninth Ward Progressive Party held in New Haven last Tuesday night, March 24. He was one of the evening's speakers.

DORMITORY LIFE.

Carnegie Foundation Deplores the Environment of Disorder.

The following citation is from *Bulletin No. 7* of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is based upon the study of the three collegiate institutions in the State of Vermont. We present it here as indicating at least one feature of college life often commented upon by those who visit the institutions of higher learning in various parts of the country.

"Wholesome and earnest as is the student life in the main in these three institutions, there is one side of it that needs far more consideration at the hands of those in charge of them. This is the dormitory life and the problem of supplying wholesome and simple diet.

Few factors in the life of a young man between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two have more influence than the day-by-day environment of the room in which he lives. While the conditions in the three colleges are not quite the same in this regard, it is fair to say that in none of them does the dormitory life furnish an element in the student's betterment. Conducted generally under the practical direction of the young men themselves, the dormitories present an environment of carelessness and disorder that cannot fail to have its effect on the student. A college is intended to develop the whole man. It may well be doubted whether four years of Latin and mathematics and science in the class-room can overcome the effect of a living-room untidy and ill-kept. Simplicity and order are neither expensive nor difficult to obtain. They ought to form part of the college training. There is no better place to inculcate them than in the rooms in which students live. If the college will set itself to deal with this matter, it will use one of the most powerful educational agencies within its reach, and one that does not call for more money. If the college oversight would go a step farther and do something to educate the taste of its students in the matter of the wall decorations in their rooms, it would take a real step in the development of that culture that looks toward true gentlemanliness. No other lesson is better worth the college effort than that of showing its students how to join good taste with simplicity and economy. Not alone in these colleges, but in most American colleges, there is today little or no effort in this direction."

Kubelik Visits Trinity.

Wednesday afternoon, although but few in college were aware of the fact, Trinity received a very distinguished visitor in Jan Kubelik, the violinist whose playing had so pleased a Hartford audience the evening before. Kubelik is acquainted with some Boston relatives of Mr. George R. Stickney, of the College Commons, and availed himself of the opportunity afforded by his engagement here, to pay a call, and inspect the college.

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

A never-failing subject for *Tripod* editorials is the support needed by the track team. Nothing can be said in the way of exhortation that has not been said already season after season, so we are not going to attempt any new and original appeal. We merely reiterate for the purpose of making the matter seem a trifle more present and real. The track team has lost two of its best men since last spring; two men who together used to carry off fifteen or twenty points in every meet. The team needs, besides the interest and loyalty of the student body, a greater number of candidates. There must be more men of ability in some line or other than have thus far put in an appearance. If they have the right kind of spirit they will turn out. We want to beat Wesleyan this year and we can do it if there are enough candidates out to make real competition. Like us, Wesleyan has lost some of its best runners. Things are about as even as they were last year when we lost by one point. "Nough said."

Communication.

Editor of the *Tripod*,

Dear Sir:

I have just read with much interest '11's communication against militarism. I must say I heartily agree with him. A move to make men live out of doors, especially poor weak college men, to put them in danger of the ravages of rain and the awful weather of summer, is heartrending and cruel, to say the least. And then to put in their hands such deadly weapons as rifles, and let them learn to shoot—horrible, horrible! Suppose one of them should miss a target and hit a sparrow. Why they might kill the dear little songster! "It must not succeed." Now children, I beg you all please not to enlist. We cannot have our fellow students run such terrible risks.

Furthermore, what is this country coming to? To think of such noble beings as college men actually making themselves better prepared in case they are called for war. I'll confess, I shouldn't go. In the first place I don't believe mother would let me. I might work it if we used pop-guns and were not to point them at anybody.

I wonder if your correspondent will mind if I add another item to our policy. I think the administration is all wrong in its treatment of the Mexican question. Why doesn't Dr. Wilson (I won't call him "President", for in that position he is commander-in-chief of the army and navy) tell them to stop fighting, or he shall refuse to speak to them again? That would be dealing with them in a nice lady-like fashion. I don't like this telling Huerta to "get out, or we'll put you out." It is too rough.

—'14.

Math. V Reflection.

The sun is said by every seer to be The source of all earth's energy and life. But only by his absence in the night, Can men behold the greater worlds than this. The endlessness of space is then made clear, And earth appears the speck it really is. If gorgeous light may thus deceive us here, And darkness show the universe to man, Why may not life conceal what is to be, And death be after all the greater life?

—E. P. WROTH, '14.

1913 Alumni News.

Allan B. Cook sailed for London March 24, where he will enter the branch office of the International Banking Corporation.

W. S. Marsden followed the same course.

H. E. Sawyer is enrolled in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

R. W. Thomas, Jr., is teaching in St. James' School, Washington County, Maryland.

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'11—Allen K. Smith has recently passed the Connecticut Bar examinations. He will be graduated from the Harvard Law School in June.

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'90—The Rev. John S. Littell, at a recent date had the pleasure of baptizing his fifth child, the sacrament being

administered at St. James' Church, Keene, New Hampshire, of which Mr. Littell is rector.
Recently there came from the press two more of Mr. Littell's popular books of religious education, entitled "St. Patrick and his Followers," and "The Kingdom in Pictures, II." Each is illustrated, the latter very finely. These belong to a series called "Stories of Cross and Flag," of which the other numbers are "George Washington, Christian," "The Kingdom in Pictures," and "Some Great Christian Jews." With the larger book called "The Historians and the English Reformation," over 12,000 copies of this author's books have been distributed during the past four years.
'91—D. Van Nostrand Co., of New York have published "Electrical Conductivity and Ionization Constants of Organic Compounds," by Heyward Seudder, '97.
'01—James Albert Wales, has been appointed Chairman of the Committee on Advertising Agents of the Ad. Men's League of New York, the leading advertising club of the country.
'06—Philip Curtiss, has added to his rapidly growing list of published short stories, "The Mystery of the Missing Monocle," in *Harper's Weekly* of March 14.



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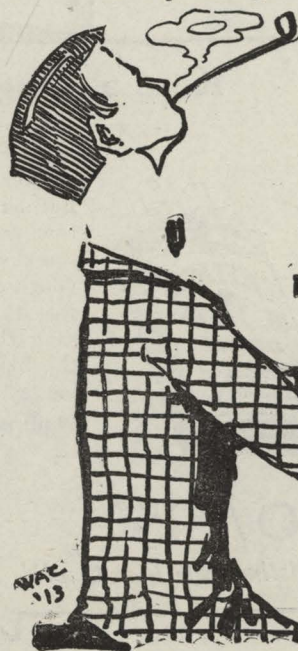
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