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BASEBALL PRACTICE BEGUN.

Battery Candidates Out Wednesday Afternoon.

The first gong of the 1915 baseball season was sounded last Wednesday, February 17, when Coach Price and Captain Gillooly called out the battery candidates for indoor work in the gymnasium. The work was of the lightest kind, and consisted only of tossing the ball back and forth so as to limber up muscles without causing sore arms. A general call for candidates is to be made shortly, and for them also there is to be light indoor work in the gymnasium until the weather permits outdoor practice.

Not in years have Trinity's baseball prospects been so bright as this year. Last year's team was one of the best that ever wore the Blue and Gold, and from it but one man, Captain Murray, has been lost by graduation. However, it is expected that the resulting gap at shortstop will be ably filled by Eddie Murray, brother of last year's captain, who entered the freshman class this year with a good reputation. The prospects for a strong pitching staff are exceptionally bright. Baker and Swift, the shining lights in the box last year, are again available, as is also Ferris, who in the past two years has pitched some splendid games. There is also Deming, who has had the experience and shown the stuff that is sure to make him a valuable man. Cole and Raftery are both expected to develop into valuable material.

With the exception of shortstop, last year's crack infield is intact. Captain Gillooly will cover third base where he has starred for the past two seasons. McKay will again be seen at second, at which position his work last year made him the freshman "find" of the season. Shelley is again out for first base, which he covered last year in splendid style.

As in 1913 and 1914, Carpenter will be behind the bat. Last year his faultless handling of his pitchers, his rifle-shot throwing, and his heavy hitting, made him one of the most important cogs in an exceptionally strong baseball machine.

In the outfield the veterans, Ives in right, Smith in center, and Brand in left, are all available. So is Lambert, who was a valuable substitute last year, Schmitt, who won the final Wesleyan game last Decoration Day with a pinch hit, and Vizner, who was a regular two years ago.

There are any number of men who promise to make several of the veterans hustle to hold their positions, and who will be reliable substitutes. Little is regarded as a strong candidate for first base, and Poto, Mullen, Wooley,

COMMUNICATION.

Undergraduate Protests Against Exhibition of Irreverence.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

On Wednesday morning last, there was enacted in our college chapel a performance which in its offensiveness, far exceeded any other which I have had the misfortune of witnessing.

A Priest of the Church turned from the altar, at the proper place as directed in the Communion Office, made the ascription, and then began his address. First one, then two or three, then a large crowd of students rose in their places, deliberately turned their backs upon the preacher, and marched noisily from the chapel! Dr. McCook, for he it was who was subjected to this indignity, watched these proceedings with an expression of mingled wonder and displeasure, while our monitors whose duty it was to maintain discipline in the chapel, regarded the general exodus with scornful indifference.

If you, Mr. Editor, will pardon the question, may I ask, "What plea, under heaven, may be offered by our students as justification for such behavior?"

Ignorance, uncertainty as to Dr. McCook's intentions, indifference about the service—all these excuses are unworthy of a body of college men, and cannot be so much as considered!

It is high time for somebody to awake out of sleep, and see to it that our chapel services are conducted with befitting dignity and reverence,—if they are conducted at all. Further, it is time that the fact be made known, that, to many of us undergraduates, the great Truths symbolized in our magnificent Liturgy, possess a value and significance which warrant no desecration or mutilation whatsoever in their public interpretation; that so disgraceful a scene as was witnessed in our chapel on Ash-Wednesday morning, means the destruction of the very ideal of the Eucharist itself, and of that spirit of devotion which should always surround it. Finally, such laxity of "religious courtesy," if I may use the expression, arouses in many hearts feelings of utter disdain for a system which obviously condones its appearance!

Very truly yours,

AN UNDERGRADUATE.

Holden, Bent and Chapin are other men who will make a bid for infield positions. In the outfield, Craig and Tiger are the men who have had experience as substitutes and who are among the most promising of the second string material.

The 1915 schedule is one of the stiffest and most attractive of any Trinity schedule in years, and with such a wealth of material, both veteran and substitute, there is every reason to believe that the season will be a great success.

COMMUNICATION.

An Excellent Suggestion from "Ted" Hudson, '14.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

It has been interesting to read the many communications to the Tripod in reference to alumni news.

It would seem to me that some plan could be devised whereby a class or classes could have a special issue devoted primarily to the use of its members. You could publish a schedule or in some way remind the alumni that such and such a date would be '14 day or '76 day or '83 day. Also give the classes now in college a chance to get in line. Then in that issue publish some statistics of the class. How many entered college, how many stayed four years, how many were still living, the per cent. who had interest enough in the college and class to write in and at least register their names. You will find that anything of a statistical nature will arouse interest.

You might get up a standard heading: "The College ONE year ago," "The Spirit of 1914," or some kind of a slogan which would attract attention.

By giving this column a place on the front page you might make the alumni feel that they were contributing to an important part of the paper and not merely filling up advertising space.

Incidentally you might mention in your statistics how many of that class were subscribers to the Tripod. This might increase your circulation.

All this is merely a suggestion, but surely if some scheme could only be started whereby each class could feature itself at least once a year you wouldn't find the alumni so backward about coming forward. Give them an attractive and original column. A little help from you along this line will help a great deal. Put your heads together and start an alumni campaign. The way a newspaper gets news is to make some kind of an effort to get it and after that to publish it in an attractive form.

To quote from my friend JULIUS CAESAR (the play): "Mischief thou art afoot, take thou what course thou wilt."

Now then Trinity,

THEO. C. HUDSON, Jr.

P. S.—An important statistic for 1914 is that its representatives on the football team received no gold footballs in spite of the fact that they were promised.—T. C. H., Jr.

Y. M. C. A. ELECTIONS.

F. Lambert, '16, Succeeds J. A. Mitchell, '15, as President.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the English Room last Monday, February 15th at which 26 men were present. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved, after which Treasurer R. A. Bissell made his report which showed a balance of \$25.20 in the treasury. President Mitchell appointed the following auditing committee: D. S. Stark, N. J. George, and J. B. Barnwell. President Mitchell read his report for the year just ended. Mr. Hill moved that the president's report be accepted and a vote of thanks be given Mr. Mitchell for his work during the year. Carried. Mr. N. J. George moved that the president's report and treasurer's report be published in the Tripod. Carried. The election of officers for the ensuing year followed. Frank Lambert, '16, was unanimously elected president. N. J. George, '16, was elected vice-president; C. P. Johnson, '16, secretary; and F. W. Elder, '16, was unanimously elected treasurer. President-elect Lambert made a few remarks on the future work of the Association, after which the meeting adjourned.

President Mitchell's report follows:

I must confess at the outset of this report that it is not as favorable as I might well wish it to be. In fact, during the year that the present administration has been in office, I must truthfully report that there has been little or no appreciable advance in the prestige of the organization in college, or the actual work accomplished in comparison with that of other years. All of which is very discouraging—more so to me than you perhaps realize—but should act as something of an incentive to the new administration.

The Voluntary Study Classes have perhaps been the most successful part of the work. During the Trinity term a Mission Study Course on South America was conducted under the very efficient leadership of Mr. Walter B. Briggs. Robert E. Speer's "South American Problems" was used as a text. There was a talk at each session on some field of the work by special speakers, and supplementary reading was done and reports made by the men in the course. The class proved a very successful one and there was an average attendance of 20 to 25 men.

In the Christmas term just past a Voluntary Study Course was conducted under Mr. J. W. Williams, in which the standards of the Bible were applied to college life, and particularly to conditions here at Trinity. There was an average attendance of 12 to 15. One good feature of these Study Classes is the fact that they are held in the various fraternity houses in rotation and are thus doing much to cement

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

Exigencies of *Tripodal* publication demand that the copy for Tuesday's issue go to press early Monday afternoon. As next Monday is Washington's Birthday and a legal holiday, there will be no issue of the *Tripod* Tuesday, February 23rd.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

I notice in the *Courant* that a four-game baseball series with Wesleyan is to be had this spring. Except as regards finances I think that a series that can easily come out even is the most

unsatisfactory arrangement that could be made. For several years even game series were held and resulted in ties. Both colleges indulged in *ifs*, *ands*, *ors*, and *buts*, and nobody was satisfied. Do we want this repeated this year or do we want a definite decision? For my part, I want a definite result. To win is best, to be beaten is sometimes necessary, but to break even is just a fraction more satisfactory than nothing.

Yours for three games,

FRANK J. BRAINERD.

ALUMNI NOTES.

'87—Strathearn Hendrie underwent a very serious operation last week at Harper Hospital, Detroit, Mich. His condition is pronounced favorable.

'87—The Rev. William A. Beardsley, who is rector of St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, Conn., was elected a trustee of the Berkeley Divinity School on February 15, 1915. Mr. Beardsley graduated from the Berkeley Divinity School in 1890.

GLEE CLUB NOTES.

Monday, the fifteenth, the clubs went to Terryville, Conn.

On the twenty-fifth of this month the Musical Clubs go to Meriden to sing before the Colonial Club of that city. As the Colonial Club is large and its membership includes many good musicians the clubs must get in some real work before that time.

Tuesday night, the sixteenth, all men who would like to appear with the Musical Clubs, but because of studies, or lack of time have been prevented from coming out, should report to Manager Harding in the History Room at 7.30 P. M. There are several vacancies in both clubs, and some very attractive trips have been scheduled before Easter.

The oft mentioned project of a trip during the Easter holidays has again been brought into prominence. Plans have been made and letters are being sent to prominent alumni throughout Central New York State for a trip that would include Albany, Utica, Troy, Auburn and Schenectady. Of course, no definite announcement can yet be made, but it is hoped that the alumni can be induced to take an active interest in the scheme. It would be a good advertisement for the college, and a reward for faithful work performed by the members of the clubs.

Still another matter of college interest is the revision of the book of Trinity Songs, that has been set on foot by Manager Harding. Mr. W. B. Davis, the director of the Glee Clubs, has consented to aid in the musical part of

the work if adequate assistance can be secured from the alumni. This song book is very much needed. The one and only edition of Trinity Songs edited by H. C. Goodrich, '09, was a small one and quickly exhausted. At present there are only two or three available. Trinity men know, with but few exceptions, only about three or four of the Trinity songs, and there are many others well worth the knowing.

In addition new songs have appeared since then, notably the catches of Rosenbaum, '14, and an extremely good new song by Waters, '87. Then there are a good many campus snatches and glees that by adoption at least are ours, and should be perpetuated. In a short time Manager Harding hopes to be able to lay some definite proposition as to the cost of the production before the alumni and the undergraduates.

SENIOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

The Class Day Nominating Committee of the senior class has been appointed by President Furnivall. The committee consists of the following men: George Dawson Howell, Hartford, Conn.; Samuel H. Edsall, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. Archibald Mitchell, Centerville, Md.; Howard R. Hill, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bertram L. B. Smith, Oak Park, Ill.; Ralph H. Bent, New York, N. Y.; Paul M. Swift, Yarmouthport, Mass.; Louis F. Jefferson, Darien, Conn.; Thomas H. Robinson, Waterbury, Conn.; Smart Brand, Hartford, Conn.; Edward W. Ludwig, Hartford, Conn.

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good feeling between crowds and to promote visiting.

During the Trinity term Vesper Services were held regularly on Sunday afternoons. These were conducted by members of the Association and special speakers were secured for each. The same practice has been continued since late in November of this present term. The great drawback to these services has been the attendance. It is not practical to ask a well-known and busy man to spend his time in addressing 15 to 25 men—yet that is what the attendance at these services has averaged.

Due to the splendid work of H. S. Olafson as Editor and C. A. Bennett as Business Manager, the Freshman Handbook was successfully published this year and distributed among the entering class. It was issued in the same general form as in the past and best of all, completely paid for itself—or will have done so when the manager completes his work. Also the usual Freshman Reception was held in the Fall, at which time the new men were given an opportunity to meet the faculty and their families informally, speeches were made by Alumni and others, and refreshments served.

In Social Service work the Association has accomplished but little in the past year. A Boys' Class has been conducted off and on at the Spruce Street Mission, but little else has been done in an organized way. It is true that there are many men in college who are doing such work in the city, but not under the jurisdiction of the Association.

During the year we have had one visit from a traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. We have sent representatives to one Conference—the Connecticut Valley Intercollegiate Missionary Conference which was held at Smith College in the Fall. At this the Association was represented by ten men.

We had hoped to start this college year with a Graduate Secretary. Due to financial and other causes the plans did not materialize, but we have been fortunate in having with us a graduate student, Mr. J. W. Williams, who was very active in Dwight Hall work at Yale, and who has assisted us a great deal. The money which was subscribed two years ago in college toward the support of a Secretary has been used, as the Treasurer's report shows, towards back debts on Freshman Handbooks and receptions. This was only done after motion in an open Association meeting and publication of said intention in the *Tripod*.

I said at the beginning of this report that it was not an encouraging one, and from this brief summary of the work done you may judge for yourself.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

That bit of satire which appeared last week in your columns—I refer to a letter written by one of last year's graduates—was undoubtedly clever, but there should never have been anything to call forth such a communication. Everyone who has been following the *Tripod* knows who was satirized. Some weeks ago there appeared a letter in which the writer, a young alumnus, told of himself and his accomplishments in a way that was undeniably egotistical. I think that you did him an injustice when you printed that communication. It is probable that he intended simply to give you information to be made into an ordinary alumni note. (Perhaps I should not use the word "ordinary" in this instance, however.) I imagine that he experienced anything but pleasurable sensations when he opened the *Tripod*, presuming that he did open that particular *Tripod*, and saw himself so generously eulogized,—by himself. It was hardly fair to him to print that letter. Too late now, of course, to retract. Advice and rebuke cannot erase printer's ink. But perhaps other alumni will not be treated in the same fashion. Few men object to giving information about themselves, but most of them dislike in the extreme the idea of being considered conceited. Don't scare away alumni notes by printing letters just as you receive them.

ALUMNUS.

(The above communication is the one to which editorial reference was made in the last issue of the *Tripod*. Since that time the identity of *Alumnus* has been revealed to us. He had no intention of writing us an anonymous letter, and it was purely accidental that he did not let us know his real name in the first place.—*The Editor*.)

But the Association here is a young one as yet and on no very firm financial or business-like basis. I am firmly convinced that it can be made into an active and efficient organization. There is a great need here at Trinity for the work which such a body can accomplish, and I believe there are men who see that need and can push it through. I sincerely hope that every man will be back of the new administration in accomplishing this purpose.

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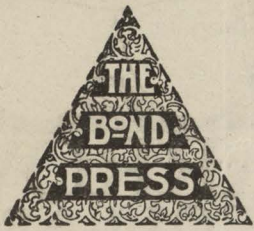
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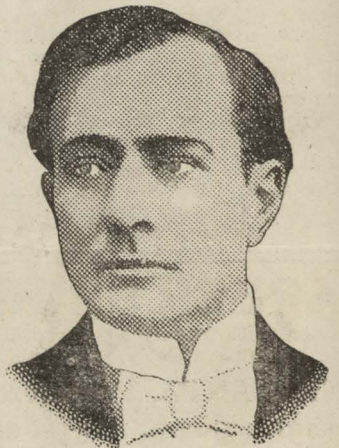
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