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## CAPT. HOBSON SPEAKS.

### Hero of Spanish War Tells of National Prohibition.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, Representative from Alabama in the last Congress, and the man who bottled up Santiago Harbor in the Spanish-American War, addressed a large gathering of the students and faculty of the college on Tuesday. Captain Hobson spoke most eloquently and his talk was much appreciated by the college body.

He began by telling of the place that must be taken in the world by the college man. He said that education was almost indispensable to success, and that the college man has two hundred and twenty times the chances of success in life that the average American, who stops school at the age of twelve, has. Therefore, it was necessary for the college man to lead in the world's work. One of the most important questions today is the question of national prohibition on which all men, and especially the leaders, must be informed.

National prohibition was first brought to Capt. Hobson's attention in Congress, and in the beginning he was opposed to it. But an investigation of the subject convinced him that it is the question of the day. In wars, he said, it has been found that there is a direct relation between the amount of liquor that a man drinks and his endurance. The more he drinks, the quicker he shows fatigue.

Alcohol is not wholesome, Captain Hobson went on to say. Instead, it is the toxin of living substances, the ferment germs. It is a vile excretion, and poisonous to other living substances. It creates a feeling of stimulation in the drinker, when there is really a state of partial paralysis. Then when this paralysis has worn off, the nerves cry out to be again paralyzed. They want more liquor. This makes alcohol a habit-forming drug. It weakens inhibition and the will, and the habit grows daily. With every drink that is taken, the will to resist the drug is destroyed a little more, till the drinker is in the grip of the habit. In America, there are four million heavy drinkers and one million drunkards, as a result of too little care against this deadly poison.

Captain Hobson then gave proofs of the loss of efficiency resulting from drinking. As an example, he told of a test given to a firing squad of the Swedish army, which on the first trial hit a target 30 out of a hundred shots. Then the men were given a quart of beer, and rested for half an hour. Though they felt better than they had at the time of the first trials, they hit the target only four times out of a hundred shots. This is a proof of the loss of efficiency, resulting from drinking, Capt. Hobson said. As a result of tests like these, men addicted to the use of liquor are refused admittance to armies or places on railroads.

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## MANTELL HERE.

### Special Reduced Prices to College Men for His Performances.

Robert B. Mantell, the famous Shakespearian actor, is to be at Parsons' Theatre during the entire week beginning May 10th. Mr. Mantell is characterized as the "legitimate leader of the American stage," and his performances in Shakespearian repertoire should be of the greatest interest to Trinity students. The management of Parsons' Theatre have made the following offer to Trinity men: If a group of ten or more men desiring to see a single performance will leave their names with Prof. Stonex, they will be sold \$1.50 seats for \$1.00, or \$1.00 seats for seventy-five cents.

Mr. Mantell's repertoire will be as follows:

Monday evening, May 10—  
"King John"  
Tuesday evening, May 11—  
"Macbeth"  
Wednesday matinee, May 12—  
"Merchant of Venice"  
Wednesday evening, May 12—  
"Richelieu"  
Thursday evening, May 13—  
"Othello"  
Friday evening, May 14—  
"King Lear"  
Saturday matinee, May 15—  
"Romeo and Juliet"  
Saturday evening, May 15—  
"Richard III"

## INTRA-MURAL LEAGUE.

D. K. E. lost its second straight game in the Intra-Mural League Wednesday afternoon, Alpha Chi Rho emerging the winner from a seven-inning slugging contest by the score of 19 to 8. D. K. E. started off well and for the first two innings the game presented a semblance of being close. Jennings started the game at pitch for Alpha Chi Rho, but his wildness proved his undoing and he was soon replaced by Tiger who did much better on the firing line. Tiger also had a good day at the bat, getting five safe ones out of as many trips to the plate, including one three-base hit. Johnson, who was on the mound for D. K. E., was hit freely at all times, about fifteen hits being gathered from his delivery. Wright, '15, umpired a good game and kept matters moving rapidly.

Score: Alpha Chi Rho 19; D. K. E. 8; batteries, Jennings, Tiger and Kyle for A. C. R., and Johnson and Craig for D. K. E.; umpire, Wright, '15.

Tuesday, May 4th, St. Anthony Hall met and defeated Sigma Psi by a score of 11 to 5. Sigma Psi gained a lead in the first inning. In the second their opponents came from behind and scored enough to tie. The latter had the advantage from then on. Cole, pitching for St. Anthony Hall, struck out twelve men.

Score by innings:  
St. Anthony Hall .0 2 2 6 0 1 0—11  
Sigma Psi . . . . .2 0 0 2 1 0 0—5  
Batteries: St. Anthony Hall, Cole and N. Ives; Sigma Psi, Seymour, R. Johnson and Brainerd, Thompson.

## SOPHOMORE SMOKER PLANS.

### Preparations Completed for Big Event.

The first Wesleyan game is near at hand. With it comes the Sophomore Smoker which promises to be the best yet. The sophomores are using every effort to make this a big event. One of the big attractions of the evening will be the excellent list of speakers. They have been chosen carefully from a long list considered by the committee. They represent athletics, scholarship and other interesting paths of life.

No Sophomore Smoker would be complete without our president, Dr. Flavel S. Luther. A man who represents us in many lines is George Dawson Howell, captain of last year's football team and president of the Senate. Rev. Godfrey Malbone Brinley, B. A.; M. A. Trinity, '88, is a man whose talk will be enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Brinley is the best tennis player Trinity has ever had. At present he is head of the lower school and athletic director at St. Paul's School. Mr. Karl Philip Morba, Trinity, '02, was a Phi Beta Kappa and one of the Optimis. Dr. John B. Price, whom we all know, will talk about Trinity athletics.

Besides these, the musical comedy and burlesque will be the entertainment. Creamer and Barthelmess are the principal characters in this, while a monologue by Brainard, selections by Bent and Holden, and the Hawaiian stringed quartet will give numbers.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

The second Senior-Junior Assembly will be held on Monday evening, May 10th in Alumni Hall. It is informal and insures a pleasant evening to all those who attend it. The last assembly was not a success financially. However, the deficit was small, and it is hoped a sufficient crowd will turn out to the next one to make it a complete success. Men of all classes are urged to turn out, especially Seniors and Juniors.

Directly after the college meeting, Friday night, May 7th, a Junior Smoker will be held at the I. K. A. House. Dr. Urban will speak. A large attendance is expected.

## CONCERNING MARKS.

The following communication appeared in a recent number of the *Amherst Monthly*. In the belief that it would be of interest to Trinity men the *Tripod* herewith prints it in almost its entirety.

To the Editor of the *Monthly*:

There is an institution here at Amherst toward which a large number of us assume the role of fanatical devotees, as is evidenced by the fact that to the performance of its ceremonial rites we trudge each week-day morning with beating hearts and full stomachs for the purpose, implied at least, of imbibing spiritual nourishment. Those of us who do play this devotional part,

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## AMBULANCE PROGRESS.

### Committees Organized to Raise Funds.

Although no definite reports have been received from alumni and undergraduates in regard to assistance in raising money for the Trinity ambulance since the last issue of the *Tripod*, the work is now being carried on in a much more systematic manner. A committee, consisting of one man in each unit has been appointed by President Lambert of the Y. M. C. A. to collect the money from the members of each individual unit. In addition to getting in the money already pledged by undergraduates the members of this committee are endeavoring to solicit small amounts from each of the undergraduates who have not already expressed their intentions of aiding in the cause.

The work is now taking a broader aspect and in conjunction with the appeal issued to the alumni in the last issue of the *Tripod*, the men on the committee are also working among the alumni of their unit to get assistance.

Thus far approximately \$300 have been pledged but by no means all of this amount has been collected. Up to the time the *Tripod* goes to press there have been no reports turned in by the committee members, but at a meeting tonight it is expected that very favorable results of the canvass will be turned in from each of the units.

## SENATE MINUTES.

Seminar Room, May 3, 1915.

The regular May meeting of the Senate was called to order by President Howell at 7.17 P. M. Roll call showed Messrs. Cowles and Gillooly absent.

Mr. Cole reported for the Union committee, for the month of April: Amount expended, \$2.75, total balance, \$136.70. In regard to moving the trophy room to the Union, Mr. Cole reported that many of the trophies had already been moved, but that the captains' records could not be moved owing to their large size.

Mr. Robinson reported for the Press Committee: Cash forwarded for March, \$1.73, cash received, \$4.90, total, \$6.63. Cash paid out, \$3.65, balance on hand, \$2.98. Items sent out, 29.

Mr. Robinson reported progress for the committee on the revision of the Senate minutes.

Mr. Howell read a letter from Dr. Luther about a cup offered by the Hartford Alumni to the College unit attaining the highest rank in scholarship, asking recommendations from the Senate concerning the method of award.

Mr. Ludwig moved, and Mr. Morris seconded, that the plan be submitted for approval to the president of the college that the method of awarding the cup be that the students of every unit beginning courses of study at the opening of each year be included in the comparison, each student being assigned the latest marks assigned him

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### CONCERNING MARKS.

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or who in others words, are not excused from chapel on account of mental, physical or moral disability, will remember having heard read one morning last year an extract from the works of President Hyde of Bowdoin on the marking system.

Yes, Mr. Editor, you have guessed it. My subject is also marks and the marking system. I take this method of introduction because at the time of the reading I could not help wondering how many others were feeling as I did the one-sidedness of what was read and the evident apology for a system, which, if it be one that is sanctioned by fairness, expediency and the verdict of experience, should need no apology. That our marking system is not in accord with justice and equity, that its use has not been ratified by experience, and that it may not be excused on the plea of expediency is what I should like to suggest.

We are all familiar with the three types of student which we find at Amherst. First of all there is the fellow who from one point of view is a grind, from another a thorough and conscientious worker. Then there is the fellow who is conscientious in nothing except bluffing, but who by

studying just that for which he knows he will be called on to recite, manages to attain a high standing. The third, interested possibly in athletics and other outside activities, or interested in nothing but the avoidance of as much work as possible, does only that work which is necessary to enable him to get by. These classes, as I have said, are familiar to all of us. Now the question we have to ask ourselves is: How does the marking system affect each of these types? And would the abolition of this system be for the betterment or the detriment of the mental, moral, or spiritual nature of each of the three?

In the case of the first type it is obvious that the marking system would make little or no difference. The hard worker is not working merely for Phi Beta Kappa, or why, as almost invariably happens, does he continue to work after he is numbered among the elect. He may be working for prizes, but we all know of the same type of individual at other institutions where there is no Phi Beta Kappa and no prizes except the valedictory. From what we know of this type, I think that we are ready to admit that, conscientious and thorough as he is he needs no stimulus of an A in his course book to keep him hard at work while the opportunities that college offers are his.

In the case of both the other two types the effect is different. Members of these other groups a marking system like ours makes dependent, superficial and dishonest. What other result, let me ask, can be expected when the emphasis is laid as constantly as our educational system lays it on the mark that a man gets rather than the amount of work that he does. In one of my courses last year an instructor was in the habit of asking each individual after he had recited, what mark he thought he had a right to expect as a compensation for his more or less brilliant showing of a few minutes previous. The result obviously was a placing of the matter of marks in a position of undue importance. The mark he was to get as a reward or penalty was constantly in the student's mind and the tendency was inevitably toward an underrating of all work which did not lead definitely to some mark as a goal.

I started out in the preceding paragraph to speak of the effect of the marking system upon the two latter classes mentioned above, and I am dwelling somewhat at length upon the subject because what I am saying is applicable to most of us here at college, as these two classes comprise the great majority of the college body. I have said the marking system makes men superficial and dependent. Have you not found it so, gentle reader, in your own case? Have you never done that part of the lesson which you thought most likely to be called for in class and let the rest slide? Can you deny that that was superficial work, and that the reason for it was your dread, ingrained by this time, of the marking system? Have you never consulted another's notes, not for purposes of comparison, but so that you would not have to do the work yourself, and can you deny the effect of that work was to make you dependent? Have you never cribbed your translation and then in class reeled off the work with a bold face as though it were your own? Can you deny that this is dishonest? It may not have seemed so at the time, but as you look back on it and face the situation fairly,

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## CAPT. HOBSON SPEAKS.

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Chemically, the speaker said, alcohol belongs to a group of poisons. It has an affinity for the most delicate and most important tissues of the body, especially for those in the top of the brain, where there are the nerve centers whose development is a measure of the development of character. The top of the brain is the center of the moral sense, and it is in the top of the brain that the principal evolutionary process of the human species is taking place to-day. Character is developed by service, and if the capability for service is taken away, there is a loss in character. Alcohol prevents development of character and causes deterioration, because it weakens the power of service. It has been tried on plants and lower animals and has invariably resulted in a reversion to a previous type. It is so in the case of man. Ordinarily a man will do his duty as well as he can when he is called upon, but if his will and moral sense have been weakened by alcohol he will shirk his duty. So Nature automatically sets in to exterminate this encumberer of the earth.

It is the hope of the world, said the speaker, in conclusion, that America will show the way hereafter and lead progressively and wisely. America can do her part by driving out the drink habit and preventing this degeneracy that is creeping upon her. When she does this she will be setting the world an example that will contribute to her everlasting glory.

## SENATE MINUTES.

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during the year, and that the alphabetical letters be given numerical values as follows: A, 95; B, 85; C, 75; D, 65; E, 0, and that all marks be used in attaining the average.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Pressey seconded the amendment that E count 50 instead of 0. The amendment was lost.

Mr. Edsall moved and Mr. Pressey seconded the amendment that the mark E count 25 instead of 0. The amendment was lost.

Mr. Ludwig's motion was then carried.

On motion of Mr. Morris, the Senate adjourned.

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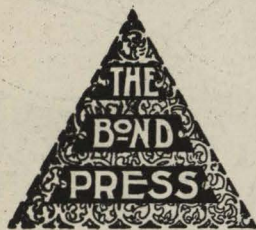
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do you believe that a translation of that sort exerted an influence upon you for sincerity, honesty and truthfulness? We have all seen cases of fellows taking easy courses to lessen their burden of work and to fatten their averages. We all know, too, the fellow who habitually gets another to do his work for him and then by a little effective bluffing, trickery would be a better word, obtains a higher mark than his more conscientious brother. We see some men becoming members of Phi Beta Kappa under false pretenses. We see others working faithfully and getting undeservedly low marks. Fraud, hypocrisy, and shallowness are on all sides, and all because of a system whose only recommendation is that it is old, and the absurdity, folly and immorality of which we must rebel against when we consider the influence it exerts.

Are we such children, Mr. Editor, that we must have a reward for each bit of work done and a penalty for each failure to take advantage of opportunity? Is it not evidence that if we are not sufficiently appreciative of what the college holds for us to make use of it, that our place is not in college at all? It will be generally admitted that college is a place of training for life and as such, with the system I am attacking, will not its effect be to lead us to expect the same silly system of favors and punishments in the wide, wide world? Would it not be well for us to realize while in college that the reward the world offers for conscientious work is somewhat naturally, an approving conscience? It is my belief that the abolition of our system of marking would mean the doing away with the false standard which now constantly confronts us and the bringing about of a condition of straight-forwardness, of thoroughness and of independence which is wholly to be desired.

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