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AMBULANCE ABANDONED.

Insufficient Pledges Require That Work be Dropped.

No Red Cross Ambulance is to represent Trinity in the relief work in the foreign fields of battle. It has been found utterly impossible to collect sufficient money to put the project through. The one hundred dollars offered by a kind friend of the college has been lost through the inability to comply with the conditions on which it was offered. Five hundred and fifty dollars was the amount that was to have been pledged by last Sunday, May 16, but active campaigning resulted in only about fifty to one hundred dollars additional being promised in addition to previous pledges. The total amount that has been promised is somewhat over two hundred dollars.

At a meeting of the Ambulance Committee held Thursday noon in the Greek room, it was decided to utterly abandon the project and to authorize Treasurer F. W. Elder of the Y.M.C.A. to return what money he already had to its respective donors.

Incidental to the fact that only about one-fourth to one-third of the amount needed for the ambulance was pledged, it may be mentioned that the larger part of the gifts were from alumni and other friends of the college.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

Through the columns of the Tripod I desire to congratulate the college on their excellent debating team. It was my pleasure to hear the debate of May 6th between Trinity and Rutgers at New Brunswick. The debate was tightly-contested throughout and commanded the close attention of a large audience. So, although the debate was lost, the college should not feel ashamed of their team, but on the contrary should be proud of the very excellent showing against a college which has defeated Princeton this year.

After two years of inter-collegiate debating without a victory it may seem that the movement has been a failure. But it must be remembered that a defeated team is not necessarily a poor one. Moreover, it must be remembered that Trinity has been debating colleges which have been in inter-collegiate debating for many years. Their tradition brings out many candidates and their organization facilitates the work of putting their teams in the field. Such a tradition and such a system must be built up at Trinity, and this can be done only by efforts like those of the past few years. It is to be hoped that the work will continue under the management of those who are actively interested aided by the cooperation and sympathy of the rest of the college.

May I venture to hope, therefore, that the leaders of debating at Trinity will not feel discouraged, and that the college body in general will not let their interest lag in this movement? Debating is one of the most important forms of extra-curricular activity not only in the Western colleges but also in the Eastern where it has taken a firm hold.

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ST. ANTHONY DANCE.

Enjoyable Cotillion Held Monday Evening.

The Epsilon Chapter of the Fraternity of Delta Psi gave a cotillion at St. Anthony Hall Monday evening, May 17. Spring blossoms and dogwood were used in the decorations. The patronesses were: Mrs. Charles C. Beach, Mrs. Thomas B. Chapman, Mrs. Irenus K. Hamilton, Jr., Mrs. Benjamin Knowler, Mrs. L. P. Waldo Marvin, Mrs. C. L. F. Robinson, and Mrs. Frederick T. Simpson.

The guests of the members of St. Anthony Hall were the following: The Misses Priscilla A. Chapman, Elizabeth Beach, Florence Marvin, Beatrice Dunham, Alice Brockway, Marion Hyde, Lucy Penrose, Helen Pease, Grace Allen, Elizabeth Taft, Rachael McKnight, Mary Garrett, Emma Guy, Gertrude Bishop, Marion Davis of Middletown, Elizabeth Haight of Brooklyn, N. Y., Bertram B. L. Smith of Chicago, Ill., Edward L. Pollock, Jr., of Chicago, Ill., Henry L. Brainerd of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Rufus C. Phillips of Middletown, Ohio., Frank Lambert of Baltimore, Md., Sanderson Cushman, Seth Low, Jr., of New York.

MARTYRS TO LABOR AT TRINITY!

That slogan of efficiency, so prevalent in our country just now, certainly has struck Trinity. Those who were fortunate enough to observe the mowing of the college campus last week were treated to a rare example of its effect. Promptly at nine-fifteen in the morning, Bill Duffy and his strong-arm squadron sallied forth dragging old Dobbin attached to the grass-cutting paraphernalia. With lightning-like rapidity they advanced to the center of the campus. Bill hopped aboard the comfortable spring seat and lit his pipe. Robert and Joe ranged themselves alongside the chariot, each holding one rein. John lumbered on ahead holding a tuft of grass to accelerate the movements of the placid Dobbin. It was a stirring sight—one calculated to stir the very vitals of one's inmost being. A great work was being carried on, and each of our janitorial heroes was doing his efficient part as a cog in the great whole. The enthusiastic spectators, inspired by their example, fell into a doze. When they awoke several hours later the lusty four had cleared a place in the green sward large enough to rest their weary bodies. They also had fallen victim to the all-powerful goddess of sleep. Great is Morpheus!

COLLEGE NOTE.

Lewis B. Ripley, 1915, has been awarded a graduate scholarship in the department of entomology at the University of Illinois. He expects to enter the graduate school of that institution next September. Ripley has been interested in entomology for a number of years, and has done summer work in the laboratory of the State entomologist of Connecticut. He has recently classified and arranged the insect collections on exhibition in Boardman Hall.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS.

Edsall of Trinity Reaches Finals in Singles, but then Loses.

Captain Edsall, playing at Longwood for the New England Intercollegiate tennis championship, won his singles for the first two rounds. Playing with Niles, he was beaten in the doubles by the pair from Williams.

Edsall had his hands full in winning both his singles. The first match with P. J. Lannon of Dartmouth went to deuce four times before Lannon cracked, but Edsall came near losing the match twice.

C. F. Cutler of Williams won all his matches, and so the match for the championship took place yesterday. Edsall of Trinity, the other finalist, lost to Cutler, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

May I be permitted to take up a little of your valuable space to comment publicly on the dissertation on marks by the Amherst junior? There is always danger that such doctrines as the Amherst man preached should become popular with individuals and should result in harm to their efficiency and in hurtful change in their attitude toward their professors. But if any man will examine the arguments and statements of "1916", he will, I think, be convinced that no complaint of, or attack on the marking system is justified.

Outside of the fact that the agitator does not offer a constructive plan, but merely destroys without building, several things he says may be questioned. Firstly, he doubts "the same silly system of favors and punishments" exists "in the wide, wide world." I would remind the gentleman of Bradstreet's.

It is a fact that wherever a definite marking system can be obtained in the "wide, wide world" it is applied. People seek for means whereby to apply marking systems to their employees, or their investments. Marking systems in themselves are not bad, as the gentleman from Amherst asserts, but most useful.

Now as to the way that the college marking system is applied, which is also attacked. Instructors are accused of laying too much stress on the mark that is to be gained by good work. If professors do so, and it must be admitted that we have met professors who religiously kept the class informed that their mark was high or low and laid undue emphasis on the mark rather than on the work, still those professors earnestly believed that through the marks they had indications of the work that was being done, and just as earnestly they were being as fair to the student as they knew how to be. There would always be thieves and cheats and liars in a classroom as anywhere else, under any system, and professors are not less easily deceived than any other class of mortals. The students who are "on the inside" and know of the crooked practices cannot do anything about it, nor can the professors. It does not seem at all true that the abolition of the marking system would make men any more honest, or any harder workers.

STATUS QUO.

ANTI-MILITARISM.

Report of the Anti-Militarism League Shows Pacifist Sentiment.

Approximately 63,000 students in thirty-seven colleges are opposed to the practice of military drill and summer camps for college men, while about 17,000 are in favor of the idea, according to an announcement just made by the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League.

The Anti-Militarism League, of which Karl G. Karsten of Columbia University is President, was formed several months ago to fight the militaristic propaganda among colleges, for introducing military training for students. In an investigation into the opinion of college students, the League has received letters from thirty-six colleges, representing 80,000 students.

In its inquiry the League says that three questions have been asked: (1) whether military drill exists and if the students favor the plan; (2) whether summer camps exist and whether the students believe they are beneficial; (3) whether lectures on tactical subjects form part of the college curriculum and with what sentiment they are received.

It is reported that efforts have been made in each college to make a canvass of the students whenever practicable, and in other cases to judge the majority opinion by questioning representative men.

"Of the colleges questioned," announces the report, "twenty-two show that a majority oppose the introduction of military drill, while only fourteen favor it. In other words, practically 60% of the colleges register a decided opposition to military drill for students. In the twenty-two colleges opposing drill are 63,000 students; in the fourteen colleges favoring drill are only 16,700. It seems to be a fair inference that these figures represent the proportionate opinion of college men on the subject.

"Another vital point in connection with the above statistics," the report continues, "is that the presence of military drill in a college increases the military spirit. This refutes the argument of militant advocates of 'preparedness' that drill does not increase the martial sentiment. Of the nine colleges which already have military drill, seven are in favor of its continuance. Of the twenty-seven which have no form of drill, twenty-two are opposed to its introduction.

"The same tendency is revealed in the facts concerning summer camps. Out of the thirty-six colleges from which replies have been received to date, six show a majority favor summer camps for college men. Three of these six have at present compulsory or voluntary military drill during the school year.

"In the case of tactical lectures the result is similar. Six colleges report that such lectures already form a part of the curriculum. Four of these six

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

Out at the University of California the senior class has taken up the insurance scheme once proposed for the senior class here at Trinity.

In writing the policies the fifty men of best physique in the university were chosen as the participants and a 20-year endowment of \$1,000 was written on the life of each. There are 700 in the 1915 graduating class and these will band together to meet the annual premiums on the total \$50,000. The regents are named as beneficiaries and the cost for each individual in the class will be not more than \$3.50 annually, which will be collected in the form of dues by the secretary of the alumni association.

Why has the matter been dropped here at Trinity? It is an opportunity for the class of 1915 to start a movement that will be of immense value to the college, especially if other classes adopt the scheme. It is a chance for the class of 1915 to prove its supreme right to the Lemon Squeezer.

The new song that Rosy produced at the Sophomore Smoker is a good one, and we feel sure that the college body will not permit it to fall into disuse, as they have "up in Fair Hartford", as fine a song as Trinity ever knew. A way to keep the undergraduates in good trim for singing would be to have the inter-class singing contests which are held at so many other colleges. Might it not be done here?

ANTI-MILITARISM.

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report a sentiment in favor of their continuance. Of the thirty which do not have tactical lectures only four announce an opinion in favor of their introduction."

The President of the League says that while the figures cannot be relied upon absolutely, because of the haste in which the canvass was made, the cumulative evidence established the overwhelming sentiment of the college men of the United States against militarism.

"The militaristic student", says Mr. Karsten, "is more aggressive and more likely to publish his views than the pacifist student. Except for this fact I believe our investigation would have shown a still stronger opinion against militarism in colleges than the present proportion of 4 to 1. The general sentiment seems to be to wait until the issue of the war in Europe has been settled and the world has a chance to see where it stands. Few of the young men questioned were ready to have the United States left defenceless. They merely went on record as believing that the existing status of the army and navy was sufficient for the present. They are opposed to any agitation now for heavier expenditures in armament.

"The attitude of the students seems to follow, to a great extent, that of the American press. There is a general belief that the end of the war will determine whether the United States shall join with Europe in a general limitation of armaments, or whether our nation will be compelled to follow in the beaten path that has so often proved the fallacy of the use of rifles and cannons as peace-makers.

"One of the most significant facts revealed by the letters is that no jingoistic sentiment exists in the students questioned. There is nothing of a desire to build up an army prepared to conquer foreign territory. The possible fate of the Phillipines arouses no particular anxiety. The demand for a greater America is barely present.

"Above all things that the answers have shown," is Mr. Karsten's further statement, "is the fact that the home of the chauvinist is not in the college and university. One must rather look for it in the secret chambers of 'dollar diplomacy' and in the executive offices of the manufacturers of shrapnel and 14-inch guns."

COMMUNICATION.

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Trinity should continue to be represented by inter-collegiate teams if for no other reason than this. Debating owes this present recognition among colleges in general because it is felt that from debating flow most important values, values which can be attained in no other way, such as training in the investigation of important topics and skill in public speaking and logical thought under the stimulus of the keenest kind of competition. Moreover debating serves to spread the name of the college in the same way that athletic pursuits do and to an extent hardly less than athletics. In our attempt to add physical development to our conception of a thoroughly educated man it seems that the idea of physical training has been carried to an extent that over-emphasizes athletic prowess. Debating should prove to be an important means by which we may hope to lead to the formulating of a saner conception of the proper relation between the physical and mental elements of education.

Therefore the college should continue to give its support to an activity which has already had a high measure of success and thus finally the college will achieve winning debating teams as well as successful ones.

Very sincerely yours,
EDWIN M. LAZARUS, '14.

INTERCOLLEGIATE NOTES.

"Take it back day" is a new institution started by the Student Council at Gettysburg. On this day all students are to return borrowed articles.

Princeton's graduating class recently voted on their preferences for nearly everything from the color of their girls' eyes to their favorite chewing gum. Forty-five per cent. of the class ride the water wagon, and sixty-three per cent. smoke. Twelve per cent. have never kissed! Tennis ranks first among sports to play and football as the most interesting one to watch. Next to Princeton, Yale was voted the favorite university for men, and Vassar the favorite girls' college.

For the first time in the history of the chapter, juniors were elected to Phi Beta Kappa at Princeton. Six of the third-year men were so honored.

When the tennis manager at Fordham contemplated sending the team on a trip through the South, he asked a Southern friend of his for the names of some of the Southern universities. His friend took advantage of the manager's ignorance of the South and gave him a long list of the girls' colleges. Challenges were sent. Saturday he received a perfumed note from Goucher College stating that it did not allow its young women to play tennis with young men.

The *Syracuse Daily Orange* recently appeared in excellent imitation of the yellow journals. Plenty of sensations and scandals had been unearthed to fill the columns under the large "scare" heads. With wonderful foresight they predicted the weather as "Fair or Cloudy, Rainy to Clear, Cold if not Warm, Probable Temperature, Max. 257, Min. 177."

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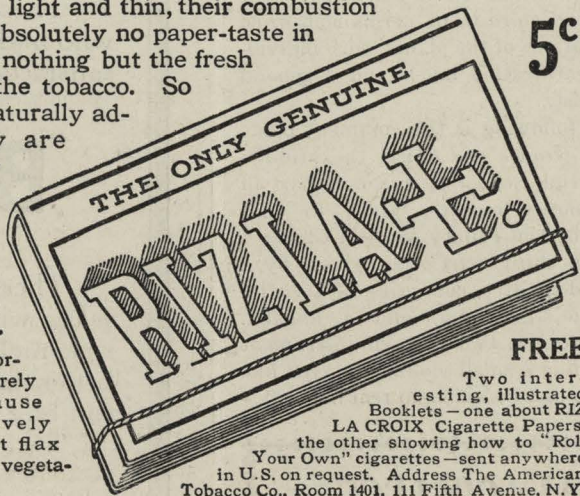
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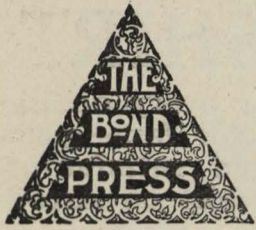
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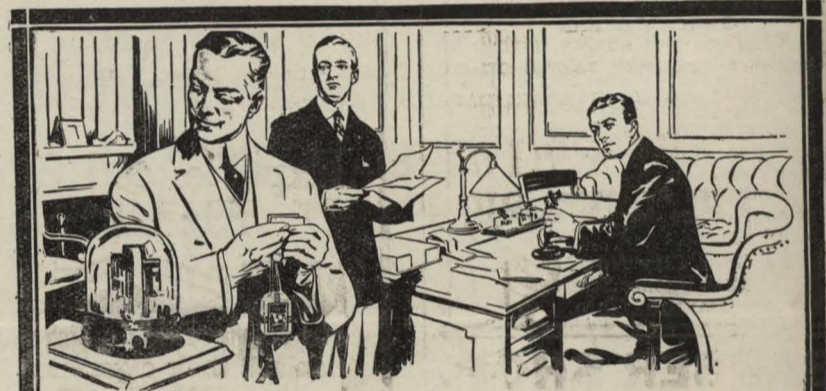
COLLEGE NOTES.

A pedigreed ash tree has recently been presented to the department of biology by Dr. J. H. Shull of the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution. The tree is peculiar in having the terminal leaflets of most of the leaves folded into the form of pitchers. The seed from which it was raised was obtained from one of a small number of trees occupying a limited area on Long Island. Outside of this area no trees with this leaf peculiarity are known. The Trinity tree, which is a sapling three years old, has been planted south of Boardman Hall, and permanently labeled. Its development in its new environment will be watched with interest.

The Museum of Natural History in Boardman Hall has received from Miss Annie Lorenz of Hartford fifty-four new specimens of New England liverworts. This gift virtually completes the college herbarium of New England Hepaticae, the greater part of which was presented by Miss Lorenz a few years ago. The collection consists of permanent dried preparations of the plants, with individual identification labels and a general check list.

The following is the comment made by the *Orange and Black*, the Middletown High School paper, on a part of the concert recently given to that school by the Trinity Musical Clubs:

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