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ALUMNUS DEFENDS TRINITY. McCook Answers Criticism.

The following article appeared in the *Hartford Times* of October 27, with reference to the present athletic controversy:

To the Editor of the Times:

In your editorial of October 25, entitled "Trinity and Brickley," the local college was condemned, sentenced and executed. But since there has been no trial, will you permit an alumnus to raise a question mark? Hartford has done much for Trinity. Trinity hopes and believes that she has done something for Hartford, and I cannot but feel that this attack on the local institution was due to a misunderstanding on the part of so old a friend as the Hartford Times.

From time immemorial Trinity has had but one eligibility rule—that a player must be a bona fide candidate for degree and in full academic standing. What is more, she has rigidly lived up to that rule. "No special examinations" on the eve of important games have been permitted, and many a time has a Trinity team seen an opposing team trot onto the field with some newly-released star in the line-up while her own sat on the side-lines under the strict faculty ban. In addition, she has had the unwritten law that every man on the eleven must play as a gentleman should, and Hartford crowds who have thronged Trinity fields for the last ten years will testify that for clean play and sportmanship the local elevens need vield to none.

"But what of summer baseball?" we are asked. "Why do you permit Mr. Brickley, for example, to play with you after having earned money in professional ball?" We re-Is it not democratic, wholesome and right that a boy should work his way through college? Is it not proper that he should earn the necessary money in any honorable way? Is not baseball, professional baseball, as honorable an occupation as, for instance, waiting on table or clerking in a summer hotel, and perhaps a bit more healthful? The only logical alternative is the old English rule which is said to have forbidden university athletes to earn money by any manual work whatsoever. and I am sure we have progressed bevond that.

"But," our critics say, "Brickley played with the Philadelphia Ameri-Is that any different, let me cans." ask those same critics, than when A. B. of X. college plays with Bellows Falls, or C. D. of Z. college plays with Palmer—except possibly that the higher the league, the better, as a general rule, the type of team?

Needless to say, I should not defend hiring a man to come to college for athletics, debating, or any other purpose. But that is not charged in the present case and is not under discussion. Nor is any breach of agreement involved. for none exists. Nor would I defend

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SOPHOMORES WIN EASILY. Freshmen Make Poor Showing.

Only three freshmen appeared for the running off of the events left in the Freshman-Sophomore track meet. and as a result the Sophomores cleaned up, making the final score 711/2 to 321/2. The freshmen could not collect a fourman relay team; so, due to the sportsmanship of the sophomore captain, the event was cut to a two-man race, which the freshmen won by about two

In the other two events the sophomores captured all but one point. The hammer-throw was cancelled.

A summary of the events shows Shulthiess, '18, to have the biggest individual score with 19 points, Easland, '18, second with 14, Bjorn, '18, third with 12, and Goldstein, '19, fourth with 101/2.

Results:

440-yard relay-Won by '19, Beers and Goldstein, second '18, Müller and Easland. Time, 49:2.

Pole vault-K. Johnson, '18; Easland, '18; Leeke, '19. Height not given out. Discus-Easland, '18; Bjorn, Burnham, '18; Distance, 96 ft., 3 in.

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Through the note in the Tripod. Miss Hale's gift of two copper plates, from which were printed the invitations to the Junior Exhibition in 1843 and 1846, came to the attention of Mr. John Hall Sage of Portland. Mr. Sage then sent to the library a blank invitation to the Junior Exhibition of Washington College in 1832, only nine years after the founding of the college in 1823. Mr. Sage thinks the invitation was engraved by his uncle, Jarvis G. Needless to say, this gift is Kellogg. highly appreciated. Mr. Sage ed an honorary M. A. from received an Trinity in 1901.

Acting President Perkins has given to the College Library a copy of the bronze medal struck to commemorate the inauguration of President Hibben of Princeton on May 11, 1912. The medal has, on the obverse side, a basrelief of President Hibben, and, on the reverse, Nassau Hall. It is a fine piece of work

Acting President Perkins has also sent to the Library two autograph letters of Bishop Brownell, the founder of this college. The letters were presented to the college by Mr. Francis Brownell of Atlanta, Georgia, through the good offices of Mr. A. C. Liebert and Professor McCook. letters are of great value for the history of the college. They are dated at New Haven, the first, Feb. 14, 1824, the second, June 16, 1824, and both were written to the Bishop's brother, Dr. Pardon Brownell of Providence, R. I.

The Bishop speaks at length of the college. At the first writing, the location had not been determined, the choice lying between Hartford and New Haven. In the second letter, it appears

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APPEAL TO TRINITY MEN. Volunteers for Machine Gun Company Wanted.

On last Tuesday afternoon in the public speaking room, several members of the Connecticut National Guard spoke to the undergraduates of Trinity. The object of the meeting was to interest Trinity men in the subject of national preparedness, and especially to interest them in a new department of the National Guard, namely, the Machine Gun company. Among the men who addressed the students were W. McA. Johnson, presiding officer of the meeting; Anson T. McCook, Trinity 1906; Emerson G. Taylor, Yale, '99, Lieutenant Henry R. Burr; M. F. Owens, Trinity, '05, captain of the Machine Gun company; and Lieutenant Emmet Addis, Trinity, '99, and a member of Tenth Cavalry, U. S. A.

The parts which other colleges have played and are still playing in military life were pointed out, and the speakers expressed their hopes that the men of Trinity would avail themselves of this excellent opportunity for preparing themselves to serve their country in a very practical way if the occasion should arise.

The work of the company is largely technical, and will consist of a weekly drill and a period of one week in summer camp each year, the time of enlistment being for three years. The students at the meeting were asked not to join at once but to consider the matter carefully, and they were invited to be present at the weekly drill of the company at the State Armory in order that they might better understand the situation and be examined as to qualifications.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED.

At a meeting of the faculty on October 26, the following scholarships were awarded.

The Pardee Scholarship to Melville Shulthiess, '18,

The Curtis Scholarship to C. J. Müller, '18.

The Toucey Scholarship to P. S. Parsons, '18,

The Daniel Goodwin and Hoadley Scholarship to F. G. Vogel, '19.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The faculty has refused to grant the petition of the college body in regard to allowing only single cuts Tuesday after the holiday on Monday. Men attending the N. Y. U. game will therefore take double cuts.

A mistake was made in the last issue of the Tripod. The Sophomore Hop will be held December 10 instead of November 10, as previously announced.

The main driveway of the college being changed so as to form a larger loop at the eastern end of Williams Hall.

TRINITY IN CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Springfield the Opponent.

On Saturday Trinity enters the intercollegiate cross-country field with a meet with Springfield Y. M. C. A. College over a five-mile course. Trinity has not had a cross-country team for several years, and for that reason the meet Saturday should prove interesting to the whole college body.

The team, will be much handicapped by the absence of Captain Crehore, who is on probation. He has, however, been putting the squad through a good five mile run every day for the past three weeks, and everyone seems in good condition. The team which will run Saturday will be composed of: Schlier, '17; C. Johnson, '16; W. George, '16; Wessels, '18; Blease, '18; Williams, '19; and Carlson, '18. This team put up a good run in the recent freshman-sophomore track meet, and should give an excellent account of itself Saturday.

This is also Springfield's first year at cross-country; so, as regards experience, the teams ought to be well balanced. The start will be made at the gym at 2 p. m., and the finish will be at the same place. It is hoped that the college body will turn out and give Trinity a start in the new sport.

FOUNDERS' DAY.

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Judge Buffington Will Speak.

Monday, November 1, being All Saints' Day and Founders' Day, all regular college exercises will be omitted. At 10 o'clock the Matriculation Exercises will be held at Alumni Hall. All freshmen, and all other students who have not previously matriculated. must be present. Although this is not a compulsory exercise for the other higher classmen, it is hoped that a large number will attend. The Hon. Joseph Buffington, LL.D., of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, will give the Matriculation Address. As he is a very able speaker and one of our own alumni, the college body ought to show keen appreciation by giving him an enthusiastic reception.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY HELD LAST . EVENING.

The first Junior Assembly was held in Alumni Hall last evening. The music was furnished by Hatch's Orchestra. The turn-out was as large as expected and a general good time was had by all there. The patronesses were: Mrs. Henry A. Perkins, Mrs. Robert G. Erwin, Mrs. Benjamin F. Knower, Mrs. L. P. Simpson, Mrs. Walter M. Urban, Mrs. LeRoy C. Barrett, and Mrs. Stanley L. Galpin.

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

We noted in yesterday's New York Times about the fact that N. Y. U. had written to our Athletic Council in protest against Trinity's eligibility rules, which seem to have acquired countrywide prominence in a single week. At a risk of repeating ourselves we shall endeavor to put Trinity in a less unfavorable light than prejudiced criticism and pique has placed it. Every newspaper that one picks up these days contains a sarcastic rap at Trinity, speaks of the Georgetown of the North, and in general tries to create the impression that our athletic department is doing something very underhanded in its continued pursuance of a policy, which it has followed since the college was founded. Even one of the Hartford papers was narrow-minded enough, in its desire to furnish the public with sensation, to criticise Trinity's stand without reserve,—absolutely refusing to consider our viewpoint. It would be better for all concerned if the scandal-mongers would wag their tongues a little less and use the upper part of their heads a little more. No matter what their opinion of Trinity's eligibility rules may be, it ought to be evident that, so far as honor goes, the college is surpassed by none. Trinity has always allowed to play on her teams all men who have proved themselves scholastically and morally fit.

Without legislating against professionalism she has openly and honorably been represented by men who made no effort to conceal their non-amateur status. Surely it is possible to find from this policy no discredit to Trinity or the men in question. Other colleges with strict rules against so-called professionals, wink their eyes at flag-rant violations of their fine-sounding regulations and, instead of cleaning their own doorstep, endeavor to throw mud at their neighbors. We cannot see on what grounds the newspapers base their insinuations which place Trinity in the position of a prize-fighter at an aristocratic banquet. If they would only sense the difference between playing certain men in contradiction to rules, and playing them when no rule exists, we believe that the hysterical wave of criticism would soon cease.

In closing we wish to comment on one sentence which appeared in the New York Times' article in which it was hoped that Trinity would conform to N. Y. U.'s request in order to place the two teams on an "equitable" basis in Tuesday's game. This sentibasis in Tuesday's game. ment, which was expressed in the letter to the Athletic Council, strikes us as being a trifle absurd. There are about 250 men at Trinity, about 3000 at N. Y. U. Can anybody see why a university of the latter's size should make an appeal to Trinity on the grounds of equity? It doesn't sound reasonable.

The Tripod wishes to extend the supporters of the Machine Gun Company its best wishes. Trinity men should back the project to the best of their ability. In these days of militarism it is necessary for every able-bodied man to have a little insight into the workings of some branch of military service. At Yale a battery has been formed. Williams has asked permission to have a battalion of infantry. Other colleges are similarly active. Trinity is getting into line and must keep her end up. Interest should not be allowed to lag. Every man, who takes part, must make up his mind to carry it through. Only by long, hard, continual effort can any big object, such as this, be accomplished.

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that Hartford has won. He says that he expects to move to Hartford in August; that they expect to be ready to receive students in October; and expect to have two buildings erected by winter. That the Library loomed large in the mind of the founder is evident from the fact that he speaks with great satisfaction of Dr. Wheaton's success in gathering books for it in England. Dr. Wheaton was at that time Rector of Christ Church in Hartford, and in 1831 became the second President of the college.

Gifts of any kind relating to the early days of the college are always most gratefully received. It is hoped that others who possess similar material may be moved to follow the good examples of Miss Hale, Mr. Sage, and Mr. Brownell.

ALUMNUS DEFENDS TRINITY.

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concealment. On the contrary, our attitude has been thoroughly known to our opponents from the very beginning. For example, Wesleyan (our nearest, and now for many years, our dearest, rival) thrashed out the entire subject with us a number of years ago. For a while we parted company, but after a brief period, resumed relations where we had left off. In other words, we had discovered that such barriers were artificial and that the two teams could play the fiercest championship games in New England as sportsmen and as friends. Indeed, eligibility rules imply doubt; and we, for one, have always been ready, if we are prepared to play a college at all, to trust to its honor. Similarly, our relations with Williams run over many years, at least in baseball-our rules known to them, and theirs to us.

But there is another side to the question. Does not the "professional" rule in fact open the way for much hypocrisy? If to play summer baseball be wicked or immoral, then down with it, no matter how hard it may be to locate the crime or the culprit. But if it is not immoral, then why repress it? Why encourage something that is immoral, namely, the hypocrisy of concealment? A few years ago I happened to witness a game between two semipro teams in central New York. To my utter surprise and disgust there were on one of the teams three men belonging to a college which at that time was standing with especial prominence in opposition to summer baseball. But for this I should never have given the matter another thought; at it was, my gorge rose at the "Holier than thou" attitude of those men at home. They were, as it happens, representatives of a college which has been named most frequently in the present controversy, and while that is comparatively ancient history, I confess that this personal experience has made me more impatient with recent proceedings. For it is immoral to have a rule and break it; it is unwholesome for a man to take money and conceal it; and it savors of hypocrisy under such circumstances to drag into the limelight and pillory before the public a gentlemanly, studious, hardworking and self-respecting college boy, such as Mr. Brickley.

Very respectfully,

ANSON T. McCOOK.

Hartford, October 27, 1915.

The Library has received a copy of the Report of the Committee on Universities of the Washington Board of Trade. Mr. Alpheus H. Snow, of the Class of 1879, was chairman of the Committee. The report deals with the evil of show or "fake" colleges and universities incorporated under general law, and outlines a plea for preventing such abuses in the future.

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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

Will you allow me to say a few words on the athletic eligibility rules, the practical working of which is now discussed with great interest?

- 1 A rule which excludes the five athletes at Yale recently debarred from athletic competition or would debar Brickley of Trinity is asinine, because those men are precisely the type desirable for clean, sportsmanlike contests. The rule does not exclude undesirable men or tend to create a gentlemanly tone on the field.
- 2 What we should try to keep out of college athletics is not professionalism but commercialism; that is offering inducements to prospective students of athletic reputation. The rule in question does not touch this evil.
- 3 It is an attempt to impart English traditions as to the distinction between a gentleman and an outsider, and is therefore non-American. Furthermore, by the English rule, all who play where

entrance money is paid, and receive any part of their expenses therefrom, are professionals.

- 4 The rule tends to exclude the student of limited means, however well fitted to represent his college. This is still more undemocratic
- 5 The rule is applicable to large colleges only when there are more candidates than are needed. For small colleges to imitate them is injudicious if not snobbish.
- 6 Any college has, of course, a right to limit eligibility to its teams in any way it likes. It has no right to assume superiority to a college whose rules differ on a point that does not tend to clean sport. Furthermore, inter-collegiate comity dictates that it should not break off relations for a frivolous technicality.
- 7 Young men are hasty, even in the rarefied atmosphere of the Berkshire foot-hills.

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'70—Bishop William F. Nichols has been elected president of the eighth province of the Episcopal Church in this country, known as the Province of the Pacific.

'88—A paper read by the Rev. George Israel Browne before the Cliosophic Society of Lancaster, Penn., on "Radical Schools of Political Philosophy," has been recently published.

'12—Rev. John Walter Woessner was ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, September 26, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Corpus Christi, Texas.

'13-'14—Charles H. Collett, '13, has been elected president, and Benjamin L. Ramsay, '14, secretary of the Missionary Society of the Berkeley Divinity School.

'15—Samuel H. Edsall is attending Seabury Divinity School, Faribault, Minn.,

'15—Isaac B. Shelley'is an instructor at Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Pilz's Anatomical Manikin pertaining to the structure of the human body, has been added to the departments of Biology, Physiology, and Hygiene. The manikin has been mounted on a moveable stand.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Trustees Saturday, November 30, at 12 o'clock.

Dr. Henry Ferguson will be the preacher at the Sunday morning service.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

Nov. 2-N. Y. U. at New York.

Nov. 6-Tufts at Hartford.

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