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PREPARING FOR ARMORY MEET.

Track Team Hard at Work. Prospects Fair.

After careful and consistent training under Coach Harmon, the track team will enter the annual Naval Militia Meet at the Broad Street Armory on Monday night, February 21, with a good start on their competitors. A squad of 15 or 20 men have reported regularly for practice since January 6. The team has had the advantage of daily work on the Armory floor until the Automobile Show opened there. From now until the night of the meet practice will be held in the Park Casino, the only other floor of any size that is now available. A training table has been established at the college commons for those men who room at college, and is being well attended.

The relay team will meet a strong opponent on Monday night in the Massachusetts Agricultural College delegation. These four quarter-milers will probably be picked from: Easland, '18, Rock, '17, Goldstein, '19, Ferris, '16, Hahn, '18, Vizner, '16, and Schlier, '17. In the other events Trinity enters 16 men. They will compete against the track stars of all the Eastern colleges, and by dint of hard work and grit they ought to make a creditable showing for the Gold and Blue. They are in the best of condition, and the coach, although not too sanguine, expects much of them. The entries are as follows:

- 75-yard dash—Perkins '16, Schlier, '17, Easland, '18, Goldstein, '19.
- 300-yard dash—Rock, '17, Easland, '18, Goldstein, '19, Segur, '19.
- 600-yard dash—C. P. Johnson, '16, Ferris, '16, Hahn, '18, Muller, '18.
- 1000-yard run—Capt. Crehore, '16, Wessels, '18.
- 1-mile run—W. B. George, '16, Williams, '19.

There is much promising material there, and although the greatest importance of this meet is the winter training and experience for the spring season, still the meet will be entered with a spirit of winning and true sportsmanship. It will be the first time the college has seen some of these men in action, and it is expected that the work of the freshmen Goldstein and Williams along with that of the newly entered sophomore, Hahn, will give Trinity men more sanguine hopes for the coming season. The appearance of Vizner, '16, who began training immediately after mid-years, will also be encouraging. Captain Crehore recently suffered from a pulled ligament, but is again on the floor and will be in shape by the time of the meet.

Winter track work is vigorous and the spirit of the team has been excellent. Only one man of the regular squad will fail to appear for Trinity in the meet. D. W. Little, '17, resigned to associate himself with a local organization. For the spirit and condition of the 16 men entered for Trinity much credit is due Coach Harmon and

VALUABLE GIFT TO LIBRARY.

Mrs. John H. Caswell of New York, N. Y., who has been generous to the college on previous occasions, has presented the library with about 150 volumes, chiefly on mineralogy, which were the property of her late husband. The most valuable item in the collection is a practically complete set, bound, of the "Zeitschrift Für Krystallographie," the leading German periodical on the subject. Practically none of the volumes duplicate the material already in the library, to the resources of which the collection forms a very valuable addition. Mrs. Caswell is also defraying the expense of cataloging the books and of binding such as are in need of it.

JUNIOR CLASS ELECTIONS.

The Junior class met on Friday, February 11 and elected William W. Macrum of Oakmont, Pa., as its president for the second half year. Macrum is manager of the 1916 football team, has been on the track squad, a member of several important committees, and belongs to the Sophomore Dining Club, and to the Phi Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Phi.

Roger B. Ladd of Lancaster, N. H., was elected to the vice-presidency. Ladd has played on the second football team and is on the Junior Smoker committee. He is a member of the Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

J. M. L. Cooley of Cincinnati, O., was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Cooley belongs to Sigma Psi and has been a prominent committee man in his class.

Theron B. Clement, chairman of the Junior Prom. committee, submitted his report of Prom. expenses and receipts.

Captain Crehore as well as to the men themselves.

After the meet the men will break training for three weeks, after which work will start again in preparation for the spring dual meets, and the New England Intercollegiates on May 19 and 20. The late spring vacation breaks into the midst of track schedules, and therefore the annual spring inter-class meet will be held indoors at the Armory before the vacation. The association is now provided with a 16-lb. indoor shot, and the weight men begin work immediately in the gymnasium. Coach Harmon will meet the field event candidates every Saturday at 4.30 o'clock in the gymnasium.

For the convenience of the college body and the support of the team in the Armory meet on February 21, the track management has tried to secure a section of the reserved seats for Trinity. To do this the seats must be bought from the managers in advance. So far the college body seems to have too many out-of-town engagements for Washington's Birthday to make this plan a success.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB MEETS.

On Monday evening, February 14, a meeting of the Political Science Club was held at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House. The discussion was led by Professor Humphrey, and the general topic of the evening was: "Is England the leader of democracy?" The term democracy was understood to include social, economic, religious, and intellectual democracy as well as political democracy. Papers bearing upon this topic were read by the following men as follows: M. S. Crehore, "Fabian Society"; J. S. Kramer, "Land Reform"; F. J. Bloodgood, "Trade Unionism"; J. E. Bierck, "State Education versus Private Schools"; J. M. L. Cooley, "G. B. Shaw"; T. K. James, "William Morris"; C. T. Easterby, "Lloyd-George"; C. B. Plummer, "Winston Churchill"; C. P. Johnson, "Kropotkin."

After the formal discussion a social evening was spent during which cigarettes and light refreshments were served.

SOPHOMORES ELECT OFFICERS.

Announcement of Sophomore Smoker Committee.

At a meeting of the Sophomore class on Friday, February 11, Edward F. Murray of Norwich, Conn., was elected president for the second term of the present year. Murray played at short-stop on the 'varsity baseball team last year, was captain of the Sophomore baseball team in the inter-class series last fall, is a member of the Sophomore Dining Club, and of the Alpha Chi chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Rufus C. Phillips of Middletown, O., was elected vice-president. He has been prominent in inter-class athletics.

John Du B. Burnham of Keeseville, N. Y., was elected secretary-treasurer. Burnham has been a member of the football squad, of the 'varsity hockey team, and of his class football and baseball teams. He is a member of the Sophomore Dining Club and of the Phi Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Phi.

N. Parker Holden of Detroit, Mich., was elected chairman of the Sophomore Smoker Committee. He has played on his class baseball team, is a member of the Mandolin Club, of the Sophomore Dining Club and of St. Anthony Hall. The Sophomore Smoker Committee as appointed by the chairman is as follows: A. E. Burnap, E. C. Carroll, N. B. Holmes, E. J. B. Hyland, T. K. James, R. C. Phillips, W. McA. Pollock, A. L. Poto, H. C. Redfield (business manager), J. H. Withington, and E. F. Murray, *ex-officio*.

NOTICE FROM FACULTY.

The faculty has announced that all students who last term held excuses from morning chapel must renew them at once through Professor Barrows of the Committee on Discipline and Rules. Unless immediately renewed these excuses will be cancelled.

NOTED LECTURER COMING. Authority on International Relations to Address the College.

Professor G. Lowes Dickinson, who lectures under the auspices of the World Peace Foundation, will speak on "International Reconstruction After the War," at Alumni Hall, Saturday evening, February 19 at eight o'clock.

Professor Dickinson is a lecturer and fellow of King's College, Cambridge University, England, and a lecturer at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Council for the Study of International Relations, which organization was formed in the spring of 1915 in England and of which the Rt. Hon. Viscount James Bryce is president. The aim of the Council is to promote the impartial study of international relations from all points of view. Others associated with the Council are Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Horace Plunkett, Mrs. Philip Snowden, Graham Wallas, A. Shirley Penn, M. P., Prof. Gilbert Murray, the Bishop of Oxford, and Ramsay Muir.

Professor Dickinson has been in the United States on two previous occasions, in 1899-1900 and in 1909. He lectured in many of the leading universities and created a very favorable impression. He also toured the world in 1912-1913, as the holder of an Albert Kahn Travelling Fellowship. The report of his experiences is embodied in a volume entitled, "An Essay on the Civilizations of India, China, and Japan."

Professor Dickinson has written a number of books, the best known of which are "Letters of John Chinaman," and "A Modern Symposium." The first named publication appeared anonymously in 1902 and everyone who read it thought that the author was a Chinese. Williams Jennings Bryan declared that the author never saw the inside of a western home.

Other books written by Professor Dickinson are "From King to King," "Revolution and Reaction in Modern France," "The Development of Parliament in the Nineteenth Century," "The Greek View of Life," "The Meaning of Good," "Religion: a criticism and a forecast," "Justice and Liberty," "Religion and Immortality," and "Appearances." He has been a frequent contributor to the magazines of both England and of the United States. His articles in the *Atlantic Monthly* of December, 1914, and January, April and May, 1915 on "After the War", and "The War and the Way Out", attracted widespread interest.

As Professor Dickinson is recognized as an authority on the subject of international relations, and has been associated with a group of noted thinkers on this subject in England, he comes at an opportune time to Trinity and to the people of Hartford, who are expected to make the most of the opportunity afforded them to hear an

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

The fraternities at Trinity have suffered from the hopelessly inadequate rushing system which has always prevailed. The slam-bang, take-'em-off-their feet manner in which new men are pledged is not conducive to the most satisfactory results. The ideal fraternity is a harmonious unit. Each man looks upon his fellow-members as a close, personal friend, and would be sorry if any of them were members of a different fraternity. We doubt if there are any ideal fraternities at Trinity.

Perhaps this ideal is not possible to attain. Most ultimate goals are not. There is a way, however, through which it can be approached more closely than do the Trinity organizations. Obviously mistakes of choice will vary inversely with the extent to which the new men know and are known to the fraternities. If a freshman has the opportunity of seeing the fellows in each fraternity as they really are he is not liable to go wrong. If a fraternity can watch the daily actions of a prospective candidate stripped of his artificial veneer, it will not extend invitations to be repented at leisure.

Trinity's present rushing season lasts unofficially about a week at the beginning of the college year. During that brief interval the new men are met, entertained and pledged. Perhaps some negatively favorable information has been received from alumni who know something of the various fellows. For the most part, however, snap

judgments must be followed—judgments hindered by attempts to make a good impression. It is a period of hypocrisy. The fraternity regulates its life to fit the tastes of the sub-freshman. If he is religious, it becomes an order of monks, while his "sporting" tendencies convert it into a resort of drinkers. The whole idea seems to be to deceive the other fellow into thinking a union will prove mutually satisfactory.

Of course mistakes will occur under such a system. Mere glitter is taken for the real thing, and a good-looking necktie will often appear as a guarantee of good-fellowship. The only remedy lies in a fraternity agreement—that much abused plan which has so often ineffectually tried to gain a footing at Trinity. If the undergraduates wish to have the word "fraternity" exist in its true concept they must forget their prejudices and enter into some kind of a hold-off agreement. The *Tripod* will not stop here to formulate the entire scope of such a compact. It merely suggests that no pledging be permitted before Thanksgiving, that the subject of fraternities be banished from all conversation in which fraternity men and sub-freshmen take part, and that invitations shall be issued in writing—which will exclude the evils of the "third degree."

The *Tripod* hopes that something will actually be done in regard to this important question. Everyone admits that the present system is reprehensible. Why not change it?

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the *Tripod*:

Dear Sir:

The writer wishes to bring before the college body for its most serious consideration and action a matter which is doing Trinity a great deal of harm both in Hartford and abroad. This is the matter of Trinity's press representation both as concerns the Hartford papers and those of other cities, particularly in the latter class, those of New York and Boston. This representation is, and has been during the three years in which the writer has been in college, so poor as to more than merit the disgrace and derision which it has been and is bringing to Trinity. The writer does not intend these remarks as a personal "slam" at any individual correspondents, for they are merely the victims of a detestable system which cannot be too severely denounced. Under this system as it now prevails, and has long prevailed, at Trinity, the jobs as college correspondent for the papers of Hartford and other cities are usually procured in the beginning by those students who can most effectively pull wires with city editors. Then the jobs are handed down from time to time to such fraternity brothers as may need the money, but without any regard for the journalistic ability of the recipients. That the various city editors have been and are permitting their correspondents to hold their jobs is ample proof of the fact that, in so far as the city editors are concerned, journalistic ability is not demanded of correspondents. Therefore the college body cannot hope for the cooperation of city editors in bettering our press representation. The action must be solely on the part of the undergraduates. And it is certainly high time that some

action was taken. Under the present system some of the articles and items that get into the papers would put a grammar school correspondent to shame. As concerns athletic news facts are mis-stated and often exaggerated. Captains and coaches see things printed which, for the good of their teams, should have no publicity at all, for they provide all kinds of valuable information for alien teams. As concerns non-athletic news, here again it is rare to see an item that is accurate in content, while the correct spelling of persons' names seems too trivial a matter to be given any attention at all. As concerns items of a personal nature—those which deal with the activities of prominent undergraduates, it is a downright outrage that these gentlemen should be subjected as they are to the distortions of truth, and, at times, to the falsities, that are printed about them, not to mention the merciless publicity that is occasionally given to certain phases of their collegiate careers which may not be falsities, but which are of such delicate and private a nature that their publication is totally uncalled for, even when news of all kinds is at a premium. And finally, under the present system, all news, athletic, social, or otherwise, is contaminated with the fraternity taint. The great majority of the fraternities in college have, from time to time, been concerned in this respect. The writer of this letter is a loyal fraternity man and realizes that while human nature is as it is there is no possibility of totally overcoming the tendency for a correspondent to give all news concerned directly or remotely with his particular fraternity a little extra prominence. But it need not be carried too far. As conditions have prevailed and do prevail at Trinity, undergraduate activities of every kind have been and are put before the public in a most unjust, and sometimes in a false, light because of fraternity prejudices of the various correspondents.

The amount of harm that has been done to Trinity, and that is being done now, because of inaccurate, prejudiced, and generally incompetent publicity is almost incalculable. Undergraduates, alumni and faculty alike have commented upon it and deplored it. Some of us would not be surprised if some day the faculty steps in and takes a hand itself when, in the Hartford and metropolitan dailies, it sees Trinity referred to as a "school," which characterization of our institution seems at present to be a pet phrase with correspondents.

The action, however, should first come from the college body, and it should come *at once*, and it should be drastic. The Senate is the guardian of undergraduate welfare, and the Senate should not permit this immense harm to Trinity to continue. The harm is one which prompt and vigorous action can remedy. The Senate should each year officially appoint the men who are to act as correspondents for college news, and the Senate is to be trusted to make these appointments on the basis of ability and efficiency alone. Each correspondent, when appointed, should thereafter be directly responsible to the Senate for every word that he has published. Inaccuracies and prejudices would then cease at once, for the Senate would have the power to see

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COMMUNICATION.
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that the offending correspondent was at once succeeded in his job by a better man.
The writer has used up a lot of space. But he believes that he has called attention to a serious evil in our college life, and for the sake of Trinity's standing with the public he hopes that immediate action will be taken. It is very easy to point out evils and suggest remedies. To actually abolish the evils is not so easy, but in this case the Senate can do it. And when the Senate stops and thinks the matter over, surely it will see that, through doing something to remedy the situation it will be conferring upon Trinity a real and a lasting blessing. A JUNIOR.

NOTED LECTURER COMING.
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eminent man on a world-wide and pressing issue.
Immediately after the lecture in Alumni Hall the college body, the members of the faculty, and the townspeople are invited to meet Professor Dickinson informally at the Delta Kappa Epsilon House, 94 Vernon Street. Here he will talk informally and also answer questions. Cigarettes and light refreshments will be served.

TWO PROFESSORS LECTURE.
Professor Humphrey delivered an address last Saturday, February 12, before the history section of the 25th annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Classical and High School Teachers which was held at the Hartford Public High School. His subject was "Geographical Versus Sequential History."
On January 25, Professor Barrows gave an illustrated lecture on "The Volcanoes of the United States and its Island Possessions" at New Milford, Conn., under the auspices of the Monday Club of that town.

COMMUNICATION.
To the Editor of the Tripod:
With reference to note in late issue of Tripod about course in Yiddish having been started at Columbia University; it would seem to two graduates that it would be more to the point to establish a course in English at Columbia.
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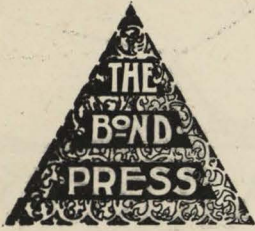
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DR. MCCOOK SOON TO RETURN.

Dr. McCook has practically recovered from his recent illness, and expected to be able to meet his classes the first of the present week. The storm prevented his doing so, but it is probable that he will resume his classroom work later in the week.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

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ex-'89—James Rowland Nash of Warrenton, Pa., was married to Miss Agnes Crosby Allen in Grace Church Chantry, New York, N. Y., on January 29.

'02—Anson T. McCook was recently appointed by Governor Holcombe to the State Reformatory Board.

'13—On Tuesday, February 8, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Howell, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

ex-'16—Oscar W. Craik is at present assistant stage manager of "The Fear Market," now playing at the Booth Theatre, New York, N. Y. Mr. Craik also plays several minor parts in the production.

MUSICAL CLUBS AT UNIONVILLE

The glee and mandolin clubs entertained a fair-sized audience in the town hall at Unionville last Thursday evening, February 10. All the men who took part in the Junior Week concert made the trip, and the same program was given.



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