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INTERESTING LECTURE. Mr. Spargo Talks on Socialism.

In the Public Speaking Room during the lunch hour on last Friday, Mr. John Spargo, the noted socialist worker and author, addressed the members of the college body. Many of the students present were struck by Mr. Spargo's abilities as a speaker, and the apparent soundness and common sense of his statements.

Mr. Spargo gave what he believed to be a good, working definition of socialism, and one to which every recognized socialist agrees, namely, "Socialism is a movement to reorganize the economic life of the world, to give private ownership and private control of those tools and processes of production and exchange which are essentially individualistic in character, social ownership and democratic control of those tools and processes which are essentially social in character." As an illustration to clarify this distinction, Mr. Spargo pointed out the difference between the jack-knife and the saw-mill. He went on to point out that true socialism would put the ideal of service before that of profit and assure the public interests of primary consideration.

His clear demonstration of a point, which was more or less confused in the minds of the students, was received with warm applause and he was heartily thanked for his talk by Acting-President Perkins.

The meeting was held under auspices of the Political Science Club.

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Markthaler, first baseman, has been elected captain of the Wesleyan baseball team, Lanning having been declared ineligible.

The annual winter carnival at Dartmouth is scheduled to be held on Friday, and Saturday afternoons, February 11 and 12. The events include a hockey game, ski and snowshoe cross-country races, 100 and 200-yard ski and snowshoe dashes, exhibition ski-jumping, and a snowshoe obstacle race. The feature of this year's program will be a ski-jumping race. Prizes consisting of medals and cups will be awarded the winners of the various events.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Pennsylvania lead all the colleges in the number of men chosen for Walter Camp's All-American football teams, having had eighty, sixty-nine, fifty-one, and thirtyfour men chosen respectively.

The University of Wisconsin is to have a four-story physics building. Political economy and commerce courses will also be held there.

The combined musical club of Northwestern University will give a series of concerts in Central America this year. This will be the first tour of Central America by college men in real clubs.

The 1916 Army and Navy football game has been scheduled to be played in Philadelphia. Provided the people

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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

Dear Sir .-

The object of having a week-end Commencement, as I understand it, was to induce more Alumni to return to Hartford. The mere fact that the program as proposed will only be three days long, instead of five, will, in my opinion, help a great deal towards that end. I also believe that there are a number of men (the young ones especially) who could get away for Saturday though not able to be there for three days. And I think they would come back for that day if it were made the most important and attractive to them.

I believe, also, that the majority of the Alumni, if they had a choice and it was impossible for them to attend both, would prefer to attend a class reunion rather than a fraternity reunion. This for the reason that they would there see men of their own time in college who belong to other fraternities than themselves, and at the same time would meet most of the men whom they would see at the Fraternity Reunion.

Then again, as I have said, Saturday will, in all likelihood, be the day on which the largest number will be present. It seems to me that it is to the interest of the college to have the largest number of men attend the class reunions. It would, I think, foster a spirit of loyalty to the college and help eliminate the formation of cliques among the Alumni according to fraternity lines, and to place the loyalty to the college ahead of the loyalty to the fraternity.

The most important reason, however, for placing the class reunions on Saturday night concerns the undergraduates, and especially the graduating class.

Nearly all of the graduating class and some of the other undergraduates invite their families and friends to Hartford for Commencement Week. For these, the fraternity reunions are of no interest. In fact, as far as the social gayeties for the guests of the college are concerned, the fraternity reunions not only do not promote them, but will place a damper on them. For instance, if a senior invites his family or a young lady to attend Commencement Week, and they arrive Friday night for the Senior Dramatics, he can escort them to Class Day, but desert them at six o'clock and leave them to their own devices for the rest of the evening. His only alternative is to invite them to come on Sunday, in which case they will miss most of the important events. In other words, the fraternity reunions are bound to create a hiatus in the week for those who are not members of a fraternity. This, it seems to me, should be avoided if possible, and it would be far better to have the week begin with this event rather than such should occur in the middle

It seems to me that the parties most concerned in this question are the under-

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TRINITY ALUMNUS SHARP-SHOOTER.

A. W. Bedell Beats Crack Shots of United States Infantry.

The Tripod has received the following clipping from a Chappaqua, New York, paper, with reference to Archer W. Bedell, who attended Trinity for three years as a special student, and on Founders' Day, 1913, returned and received his B. S. degree with honors in Engineering. The clipping follows:

In the daily New Mexican, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for October 28, appears the following:

Santa Fe Guardsman Beats the Crack Shots of Regular Army on Jacksonville Range; only 5 Points Behind High U. S. Infantryman.

That Santa Fe has a citizen who shot better than some of the crack marksmen of the United States Infantry, making a higher score than some of the men on the team which won the first prize in Class A, the prize known as the national trophy, was ascertained today by Lieutenant B. F. Ristine, inspectorinstructor of the New Mexican National Guard, on the receipt of the final bulletin giving the scores of the national match just held in Jacksonville, Fla. This crack-shot of New Mexico is Quartermaster-Sergeant A. W. Bedell, of Company F, First Infantry, New Mexico National Guard, who had the highest score of the New Mexican team which won the third prize in Class C.

Mr. Bedell's score in the aggregate was 306, which is a few points higher than the scores of six of the winning team of the United States Infantry and is only five points behind the high man of the Infantry, Sergeant H. E. Stadie, who was 311.

Mr. Bedell has been connected with Surveyor-General's office Santa Fe since the beginning of the year. When the recent wave for preparedness passed over the country, being too far from Plattsburgh, he therefore joined the militia of New Mexico and was soon made a quartermaster-sergeant. When it was found that he could shoot he was sent with the team of New Mexico to Florida to compete in the annual contest. conducted by the United States Govern-Mr. Bedell was also successful ment. in the individual shooting with a score of 304, in which there were 763 entries. He has never before been in any contest and previously has only shot at his home in Chappaqua.

As far as known, he was the only man directly or indirectly from Westchester County who participated in this contest. -Item, Chappaqua, N. Y.

Mr. Bedell's accomplishments are not confined to marksmanship, for in a recent issue of Engineering News there appeared a review by him of McCullough's new book on Surveying; and the recent exhibit of the Santa Fe Camera Club contains twenty photographs taken by him in the old Cliff Dwellers' section of the Rocky Mountains.

MUSICAL CLUB AT NORWICH. Successful Concert.

The Musical Clubs gave the finest concert of the season thus far at the Trinity M. E. Church, Norwich, Conn., last Friday evening. The men left Hartford at 2 p. m., Friday, arriving at Norwich at 4.30 p. m. After a short rehearsal, a fine feed was enjoyed.served by a corps of very efficient and pleasant Norwich belles.

The concert left nothing to be desired. The Mandolin Club, although handicapped by the absence of some of the essential instruments, performed won-Too much praise cannot be given to them and especially to their leader, Pierce. The Glee Club sang "White Wings", a song popular in the '90's, which has been harmonized recently by W. B. Davis, for the first time and brought down the house.

Spofford, Pierce, and Perkins rendered their solo numbers excellently. The Mandolin Quintette, a new feature. on the program, got away to a fine start for their first public appearance. The College Quartette, composed of Morris, Kenney, Grime, and Spofford, showed more "pep" than at former performances, and consequently worked much better than at any previous concert this season.

The personnel of the clubs and the program follow:

Glee Club: First tenor-Morris, Harding, Schmitt, Perkins, Beers; second tenor-Redfield, Johnson, Wadlund, Nordstrom, Forbes; first bass-Grime, Kenney, Linton, Easland; second bass-Spofford, Pierce, Plummer, Parsons.

The program:

'Neath the Elms A. P. Burgwin, '82'
Glee Club
Live Wire March
Mandolin Club

Brahms

- Lullaby
- Glee Club
- Vocal Solo Mr. C. B. Spofford, '16

- Mr. C. B. Spofford, '16
 Mandolin Quintette
 Plummer,'16, DeWitt,'17, Craig,'16,
 Holden, '18, Kenney, '19
 Salut d'Amour

 Mandolin Club
 White Wings

 Arr. by W. B. Davis
 Glee Club

Recitation Mr. R. S. Barthlemess, '17

- College Songs Glee Club 'Cello Solo
- Mr. R. Pierce, '16
 Safford Waters, '87
 Glee Club Toast
- Xylophone Solo Mr. C. H. Perkins, '16
- Selections
- Trinity College Quartette:
 Morris, '16, Kenney, '19, Grime, '18,
 Spofford, '16
 Love Chat
- Love Chat
 Mandolin Club There's a College on the Hill
 Safford Waters, '87
 Combined Clubs

The Mandolin Club took the following men on the trip: First Mandolin—Craig, Hatch, Holden; second mandolin—Cahill, Plummer, De Witt, Wooster, Spencer; 'cello—Pierce; Drums—Perking piero, Prandt kins; piano-Brandt.

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"NOW THEN TRINITY"

In this issue we are publishing a communication from an undergraduate criticising our comment in the last issue regarding the eligibility question.

Perhaps the criticism is justified. Perhaps we did lay ourself open to the suspicion of lack of ideas, but the "haven't time to answer" was true. We take this occasion to express our final views on the subject.

Mr. Niles, '87, said that Trinity's whole position has been that college students take part in athletics solely as college students. That is very true. And it is an honorable position. The contention of the *Tripod* is that it is not the *highest*, *cleanest* stand the college can take. Trinity athletics have not been particularly characterized by purity along any lines in the past. To place them where they ought to be Trinity must aim high. The best is none too good.

It was said that any other test except bona fide collegiate standing is both irrational and unworkable. In fact our position has time and time again been declared illogical. At the risk of appearing pedantic we shall state our argument in syllogistic form.

As a major premise we used the unimpeachable proposition that "Whatsoever tends to lower the ideals of intercollegiate athletics should be abolished." We then attempted to, and think did show that along certain lines at least, all forms of professionalism tend to have a bad influence on intercollegiate athletics. No one can say that they have any good results. We now have the minor premise, "Professionalism lends to lower the ideals of intercollegiate athletics." The conclusion logically follows that "Professionalism should be abolished."

So far as being unworkable is concerned, we admit that a perfect efficiency cannot be attained. Some men will slip by, but some will get caught. The regulation prohibiting organized baseball players from competing on Trinity teams ought to be rather easily enforced, for the players' names are always to be found on the teams' register. The very presence of the rules will act as a deterrent to violations. Besides, in making good rules and trying to enforce them, the college is doing her part. If men lie and break the rules it is not her fault. Just because liquor is usually sold to minors, is no sign that the prohibition of such a practice is not a desirable thing.

Mr. Niles said that other colleges were as a rule rotten with hypocrisy. We are tempted to question that statement. The higher class of institutions apply their rules with strictness and honor, as far as they can. There have been many examples of this during the past year—notably at Yale, Syracuse, and Minnesota.

The one phase of our attitude which all our critics, Mr. Niles among them, appears to emphasize above all else, is that we are "backing down" on Trinity tradition. We reply in Mr. Niles' own words: "What of it?" It would be pure stubbornness to cling to a position which we believe is wrong. Instead of backing down, we think we are coming out of the ground. We are sorry if our alumni are mortified, but cannot change our convictions merely on that score.

THE HARD-GUY.

One of the most numerous types of college man is the Hard-Guy. You see him everywhere. You sit next to him in classes, contest with him on the athletic field, drink beer with him, and share the privileges of the same fraternity with him. Sometimes you think you have given him the slip. You are perhaps, with a crowd of your most picked associates. Surely the Hard-Guy is not among them. You look at one of them closely, struck all at once by the rakish slant of his cigarette. You are suspicious and wait for him to speak. An element of coarseness, which you never noticed before, is revealed by his words. Alas! Your best friend is a Hard-Guy. You may even go farther and look at yourself with introspection. You didn't realize that that amused grin of yours resembled a sneer so closely, did you? Heavens! You aren't a Hard - Guy, are you? "Perish the thought," you say. But that doesn't alter the fact. The spell of the rough one has you. You are a Hard-Guy.

The Hard-Guy has many characteristics, though rarely does he manifest them all. Sometimes he expectorates profusely as he walks along the street. The act makes him feel deliciously uncouth. Perhaps his language is generously besprinkled with "damns" and "hells", and worse. It takes a man to swear like that. He often delights in vigorously denouncing better and stronger men than himself (behind their backs). How heroic he is! To their faces he magnanimously prefers not to hurt their feelings. If he is an athlete, the Hard-Guy vents his metallic strain in kicking the unprotected side of a prostrate opponent, eluding the watchful eyes of the officials. Somehow or other he can hold his head higher from

a feat of that calibre. Between you and me the Hard-Guy is a pretty vain sort of cuss.

The Hard-Guy is usually a boozer. He is glad to tell you the details of the terrific parties he has had. Jones and Smith tried to drink him under last night, but he left them both under the bar while he continued imbibing. He likes Getito's beer, better than Slobun's. It takes a regular fellow to distinguish different brews. Sometimes he carries around a recipe for a deadly cocktail which hides a maximum of "kick" beneath a minimum of unpleasant taste. Once he almost was arrested.

The Hard-Guy also smokes. He carries a villainous "jimmy" pipe continually about him. People sometimes wonder why he isn't pinched for harboring concealed weapons. Cigarettes are candy for the Hard-Guy. He consumes them by the hour. And they don't make him feel a bit squeamish. How can they? The Hard-Guy is invulnerable.

Often the Hard-Guy cribs in examinations. He doesn't do it because he wants to pass the course. His aim is to show the professors that his actions are not to be governed by anybody's rules, he doesn't care who they are. Truly the Hard-Guy is a reckless fellow.

The Hard-Guy possesses other attributes of a similar sort. Seldom are they all combined in one particular Hard-Guy. Some are present in one individual, others in another. Some of them stick out on all occasions. Others lie far under the surface and appear only at rare intervals. It doesn't take but one characteristic to make a Hard-Guy.

Few of us escape the stigma at all times. Fight against the Hard-Guy. He isn't much of a fellow.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod:

The new eligibility rules seem rather illogical in several particulars. In the first place men who have been members of league baseball nines should have been excluded from baseball only.

Secondly, why restrict the application of the rules to freshmen only? If the rules are right, they should apply to all students, if wrong, to none? Why exclude Brickley and let in Gillooly? This is class legislation.

Thirdly, why make a rule to apply only when the number of students reaches 350? It is precisely such ill-considered legislation as the new rules that has on several occasions in the past kept down the growth of the college by irritating the alumni and friends of Trinity. These rules will have the same effect.

But the great objection to the rules is that they are a back-down from an honorable position that conduced to clean athletics. The next weak thing to do would be to humbly sue the I. C. A. A. A. for admission and send its treasurer the fee demanded, which is the point in which it is interested. The rules should be headed, "An Attempt to Bring Trinity Athletics to the High School Level."

Sorrowfully yours,

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ALUMNI NOTES.

'73—The Rev. Dr. O. H. Raftery, and his wife have lately observed their silver wedding anniversary.

'97-The Rev. Carl G. Ziegler is Dean

of the Convocation of Marquette, Mich.
'03—The Rev. Robert W. Treubath,
was instituted rector of St. James'
Church, Upper Montclair, N. J., on
the first Sunday in January.

SMOKER AT D. K. E. HOUSE.

On Friday afternoon of last week a smoker was held at the D. K. E. House to give the students an opportunity to meet Mr. Spargo in informal discussion. A number availed themselves of this opportunity and a very enjoyable and profitable afternoon was passed.

MILITARY ENGINEERING SEMINAR.

The Military Engineering Seminar held last Friday afternoon in which Prof. Knowlton and Prof. Rogers were interested did not prove at all successful. Unless some interest is shown in this subject, in the future, the seminars will doubtless be drapped. doubtless be dropped.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod: Sir:-

In your number of January 14, you print a letter from an alumnus of the class of 1887, expressing very clearly the opinion of a great many Trinity men and outsiders as to the question of our eligibility rules. The letter is written in good faith, challenging your whole attitude on the question and presenting clearly a radically different one; but you, instead of defending your position, which may be defensible, indeed, lay yourself open to the suspicion of being without ideas or arguments by flippantly sliding out from under with a 'haven't time to answer" and a complaint that a "minor point" of your editorial has been made much of or picked on. Must you calmly ignore the fact that the attack on your "minor point" is an attack on your whole position and not on that point at all, (for the minor point is admitted with a "What of it?" and then followed up with a clear and detailed expression of

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COMMUNICATION.

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opinion) and you lay yourself open to criticism by evading the entire argument, which deserves an answer.

Is the Tripod not able to receive criticism with good grace, and, if it is undeserved, answer with a manly and straight-forward argument; or does it prefer to have the alumni keep their opinions to themselves and their interest in college affairs quiet, knowing that their communications will be used by the board of editors only to fill needed space, and not to receive the courtesy of an answer? Your action not only reflects on the strength of your position, but amounts to a slight to those sincere friends of the college who hold different views from yours and have the right to know what is the matter with them.

And frankly, now, why cannot the college admit publicly, as we do privately, now it's all over, that our change in rules has not been because we have suddenly been struck by the beauty of pure amateurism, but because we don't want to lose good games and good hard dollars; that 1919 is the only undergraduate class excluded from the exemption from these rules, simply because George Brickley is in 1919, and we don't dare to keep him; and that, to sum the whole thing up, we have scuttled to cover, looking for reconciliation with N. Y. U. and others, and the former fat gate-receipts?

Is it shame for our action that leads us to conceal the fact that it was taken because we dared not otherwise? Has the *Tripod* time to answer these questions? A great many more are going to ask them before long.

EDWARD ABBE NILES, '16.

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of Philadelphia follow out their proposed plan of building a stadium capable of seating 50,000 persons, an effort will be made to transfer this annual contest to the stadium permanently.

Wellesley College had the longest Christmas vacation of any Eastern colege, the vacation lasting 20 days.

During the past year 35 per cent. of the students registered at the University of Illinois earned a part or all of their

Thirteen fraternities have formed an intramural relay league at the University of Syracuse.

Fire partially destroyed the Havemeyer Chemistry Laboratory at N.Y. U., December 30.

COMMUNICATION.

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graduates, and that their opinion should be consulted before a final decision is made.

Inasmuch as there is plenty of time before the next Commencement, I believe it would be well to obtain, also, the opinion of the Alumni Associations in different parts of the country.

I think the proposed program is excellent in other particulars, but for myself. I would vote to have the fraternity reunions on Friday night and the class reunions and Senior Dramatics on Saturday night.

Sincerely yours, H. W. BURGWIN.

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