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## ADDRESS BEFORE POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

### Doctor Laidler Speaks on Socialism.

Friday evening, Harry W. Laidler, Ph.D., of New York, spoke to the Political Science Club on "The Ideals and Achievements of Socialism."

Doctor Laidler first described the growth of socialism throughout the world, and showed how the movement has made itself felt in our own legislatures and in those abroad, and how socialism has affected legislation by forcing through advanced economic and social measures.

Doctor Laidler declared that the ultimate aim of socialism is to procure government ownership of all railroads, telegraph companies, etc., as well as the industries controlling the necessities of life.

The speaker described the evils of the present system, showing that about two per cent. of the population controls about sixty per cent. of the wealth of this country, and that the real majority have hardly enough to live decently. He also showed the conditions of the working class to be wretched, especially in the time of such industrial troubles as the strikes at Bayonne, Youngstown, and Mesaba Range. He claimed that the only way that this class of our population can get its lawful rights is by having the private ownership of the big trusts, and monopolies changed to public ownership and community control.

He also claimed that socialism will lead to a development of the ethical, the aesthetic, and the spiritual among the masses of the people by giving them the opportunity to think of other things than merely obtaining a livelihood.

Doctor Laidler showed how conditions in Europe have changed from private control to public, and claimed that if this works out so well in time of war, it will also be advantageous in time of peace.

After Doctor Laidler's speech refreshments were served by members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, in whose house the meeting was held.

## PRESIDENT LUTHER BACK FOR A DAY TO ADDRESS HARTFORD ALUMNI.

President Luther was in his office Monday morning. He came to Hartford to speak before the Hartford Alumni Association.

When asked concerning his work in New York he said, "I have opened an office at 27 Cedar Street, Room 1202, and have already held several committee meetings although most of the work so far has been preliminary organization. In a short while I shall begin active canvassing. The outlook at present is very encouraging to say the least. I shall remain in New York until I have done all that I think can be accomplished."

## THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED RUSHING AGREEMENT.

### Plans Take More Definite Shape.

The Senate committee on a rushing agreement in its discussions with the various units has had many points brought before it. Some of these are developments of points mentioned in last Friday's "Tripod", others are new. Some seem good, and others of little or no worth.

The plan as it seems to take shape is as follows: that there be no rushing until two weeks after college has opened; that, following this period of two weeks of no rushing, there be a period of ten days of rushing but no pledging, the type of rushing in this period to be more or less prescribed; that, at the end of this ten day period, the various fraternities send out written invitations to such freshmen as they wish to pledge and that the freshmen be required to answer these invitations within a specified time; and that upon accepting the invitation the pledgee either wear a pledge button or else that it be publicly made known that he is pledged.

The first of these clauses, "that there be no rushing until two weeks after college has opened," will be so worded as to make summer rushing and rushing previous to a freshman's entrance into college impossible. This will do away with the factor of a man being pledged or prejudiced before he knows the conditions as they exist in college. The various fraternities all have methods of communicating with their alumni. They shall make known the provisions of the agreement to the alumni, sending them copies of the agreement. The alumni then will know about the matter and if any alumnus violates the rules it shall be considered the same as if an active member violates the rules.

In this first clause, "no rushing" shall be construed to mean no talking to freshmen on fraternity matters and no spending of money in any way whatsoever on a freshman. This second part will have to be done away with for a period of several days at the time of the Sophomore Smoker, for the Sophomore Smoker would be impossible if the various units did not entertain the subfreshmen. It is something of an open question as to whether this provision of no entertainment should not be wholly done away with for the time up to June before a freshman is to enter college. This would allow entertainment such as to help to get men to Trinity, but no talking on fraternity matters. Of course entertainment is a form of rushing, but hasn't a fraternity the right to such an advantage as they may gain in such a way if they have energy and spirit enough to get men to come up to Hartford? Of course, with no talking on fraternity matters, there could be no pledging and so nothing could be done definitely. It

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## CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING.

### Connecticut Section at Trinity.

Last Saturday, the Connecticut Section of the Classical Association of New England assembled in Seabury Hall to discuss the status of Latin and Greek as taught in the schools at present.

Professor Barret was chairman of the meeting, which was opened with a speech by Professor Heidel of Wesleyan. Professor Heidel attacked the present high school systems for not encouraging the teaching of Greek and Latin, simply because only about twenty-five per cent. of the students wanted these subjects. He claimed that these students should get this training.

William A. Wheatley, superintendent of schools in Middletown, next took the floor in opposition to Professor Heidel. He claimed that since seventy-five per cent. of the students did not enter college seventy-five per cent. of the funds ought to be spent on subjects which will fit them better for the work they are to take up.

Dr. Frank Bunnell, of Norwich Free Academy, and Mr. Ernest A. Coffin, of Hartford High School, both showed that the demand for these subjects was decreasing in their schools.

Miss Mabel Hotchkiss, of Crosby High School, in Waterbury, reported that a great many students under her jurisdiction took these subjects because they were required in the Roman Catholic institutions which most of them later attended. New Britain also showed an increase in the demand for both Greek and Latin.

Professor F. W. Nicholson, of Wesleyan, then read a paper on "The Work of the Latin Commission, Past and Present." He also showed that the demand for Greek and Latin had decreased in twenty-five years from eighty-one to forty-seven per cent., and that in one year at Harvard the percentage taking Latin had dropped from 8 to 6, and Greek from 12 to 8.

After the adjournment of the morning session the teachers were guests of the trustees of the college at luncheon in the college commons.

The afternoon session was devoted chiefly to addresses by Professor Harmon, of Yale, and Professor Irene Nye, of the Connecticut College for Women. Professor Harmon protested against the pessimism of instructors in the courses, and expressed the opinion that the times are in process of changing. He said that it will be some time before this is complete, but that the revival of learning is going to be brought about by public opinion.

Professor George Lincoln Hendrickson next spoke, in the open discussion which followed, and told those present not to yield to pessimism, but to hold their heads high.

## TENTATIVE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

### Eight Games Arranged.

Manager L'Heureux has just completed the tentative football schedule for next fall. He has arranged a schedule of eight games with colleges of Trinity's strength, and has produced a schedule radically different from that of this past season, Amherst being the only team played this year to be on the schedule for next year.

The first game of the season will be with Middlebury, a college which we have met before. This game will take the place of the game usually played with Norwich. Union, another old rival, is back on the schedule again in the second game of the season. This game will furnish the first trip of the season. The second trip will be to Portland, Maine, where Bowdoin will be played. The next home game is with Connecticut Aggies, followed by the Haverford game, also in Hartford. Owing to the renewal of the election day game with N. Y. U., the Saturday before will be an open date. The following Saturday Amherst comes to Hartford, and the following week the team goes to New Brunswick, New Jersey, to meet Rutgers.

A game could not be scheduled with Columbia owing to conflicting dates. Although, as usual, Princeton, West Point, and a number of the bigger teams tried to arrange games with us, they were not scheduled, as it was deemed inadvisable to play teams which we would have to meet against such heavy odds.

The tentative schedule is as follows:—

- Sept. 29—Middlebury, at Hartford.
- Oct. 6—Union, at Schenectady.
- Oct. 13—Bowdoin, at Portland.
- Oct. 20—Connecticut Aggies, at Hartford.
- Oct. 27—Haverford, at Hartford.
- Nov. 6—New York University, at New York.
- Nov. 10—Amherst, at Hartford.
- Nov. 17—Rutgers, at New Brunswick.

Professor Nye then showed the influence of classical literature.

Professor Barrett, as chairman, appointed Professor Nye as the chairman of the committee to arrange for the next annual meeting. The other members of this committee are: Professor Harrington, of Wesleyan, A. E. Porter, of New Haven High School, and Doctor Bridge, of Westminster School. The next meeting will be held at the Connecticut College for Women, in New London.

The professors and instructors present during the meeting were: I. W. Smith, Simsbury; Miss Mabel Hotchkiss, Waterbury; G. M. Rockwell, Windsor; Frank Bunnell, Norwich; S.

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### "NOW THEN TRINITY"

#### COMMUNICATION ON THE CONTINUANCE OF THE UNION.

Elmwood, Conn., Dec. 8, 1916.

To the Editor of "The Tripod":

In final analysis, the question of continuance of the College Union is resolved into the question, "Is college loyalty, college spirit, the reputation of Trinity, the preserving of her ideals, to be paramount to all other considerations; or to be sacrificed and cast aside because of the heedless and unworthy adherence of undergraduates to fraternity affiliations?" That the life of the Union hangs on the support of fraternity men is indisputably a fact. That these same men hold in their hands the destiny of Trinity is also indisputably a fact. Upon the culmination of their attitude toward the Union rests, in no uncertain way, the standing of Trinity.

We of the alumni, the friends of Trinity, and all who look forward to becoming actively associated with the college, look upon this controversy as a solemn test of the character of present undergraduate life. We know how sore a need in college life the Union fills. We are endowed with the eternal conviction of the value accruing from a common stamping ground free from the restraint of class room, of social prestige, of religious or fraternity influences. We tremble lest the undergraduates fall below our estimation of them, show themselves incapable of a vision undefiled by fraternity loyalty,

and prove themselves unfit candidates for membership among the sons of Trinity.

I am writing so earnestly because of my intense desire that the undergraduate body may realize just what the failure of the Union would ultimately mean to the welfare of the college. The public measures a college by the activities of the student body. Upon the probable attitude of that body toward him when he enters college, depends largely the choice of a college by the average young man. For these many reasons, it is absolutely imperative that, as regards the Union, the undergraduates set aside their petty personal objections and indifferences, and cognizant of what should rightly claim first place in their thoughts of Trinity, rally wholeheartedly to the support of that institution, the assured existence of which will make for a more cosmopolitan, humanitarian Trinity.

F. G. STADTMUELLER, '14.

### MUSICAL CLUBS' CONCERTS.

Last Friday night the musical clubs gave a concert in Casino Hall, Thompsonville. This concert was under the auspices of the Enfield High School Athletic Association and was largely attended by people from both Thompsonville and Enfield. This was the best concert thus far and was much appreciated by the gathering. The marked features of the program were the solos by C. B. Spofford, '16, and the work of the vocal quartet, consisting of R. S. Morris, '16, H. C. Redfield, '18, H. Nordstrom, '19, and C. B. Spofford, '16. Both received many encores. The string quartette did not give its scheduled numbers owing to the absence of Pierce, '20. After the concert there was a dance which brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

The program was as follows:

- 1 "Neath the Elms," G. C. Burgwin, '72  
Glee Club
- 2 "Step Lively March,"  
Mandolin Club
- 3 "On the Sea," Dudley Buck, '59  
Glee Club
- 4 Invictus, C. B. Spofford, Jr., '16  
Vocal Solo
- 5 College Songs Glee Club
- 6 Selections, Male Quartette  
Morris, Redfield, Nordstrom, Spofford
- 7 "A Dream," Mandolin Club
- 8 Vocal Solo—"Thursday,"  
C. B. Spofford, '16
- 9 Selections, Mandolin Quintette
- 10 "In Absence," Dudley Buck, '59
- 11 "Beneath a Balcony,"  
Mandolin Club
- 12 "There's a College on the Hill,"  
Safford Waters

On Friday evening the Glee Club and the string quartette, will give a concert at Unionville. This quartette consists of Nickels, '20, Saunders, '20, Hartzmark, '20, and Parsons, '18. This will be the last concert which the clubs will give until after Christmas.

### NEW YORK ALUMNI MEETING.

The New York Alumni held their annual meeting at Delmonico's, 44th Street and 5th Avenue, on Thursday evening, December 7, 1916.

The meeting was followed by a smoker. A buffet supper and refreshments were served. A ducky trio furnished the latest hits in songs and Hawaiian music.

The pep was furnished by good-sized gathering of alumni, most of the classes from '62 to '16 being represented. R. W. Linen, '62, was the oldest graduate present.

Dr. Luther, fresh from his leave of absence of one year, was given an enthusiastic welcome. As was to be expected, he made one of the best of speeches. He described briefly his trip to California and spoke of the renewed energy and delight with which he returned to Trinity this fall. He found the college going along as well, or as he said, possibly better than usual, and paid tribute to those who had directed the college in his absence. Dr. Luther described the activities of the college in its several lines this fall.

Dr. Luther then said that he was in New York for an indefinite period to raise a fund of \$1,000,000. He explained how the money was to be used, the buildings required, the funds required for investment to provide an income from which to pay living salaries to the professors and to meet the increased costs of maintenance. Dr. Luther stated that the trust funds were intact and that there was no mortgage of any sort on the college property, but that the college had reached the point where it had to go either forward or backward. Unless the needed funds were raised, some of the departments would have to close. Dr. Luther discussed the founding of the college, its contribution to American life, and said that in proportion to the number of its graduates, more Trinity men attained prominence than the alumni of other colleges. He pleaded for funds to continue the great work. He pictured the college as we all would like to see it, and asked the cooperation of the alumni. He urged each alumnus to give according to his means, to talk Trinity to his wealthy friends, to send the names of possible benefactors to him.

Dr. Luther was given a long Trinitarian and the meeting promised him all the aid it could give. A committee consisting of W. S. Langford, chairman, A. T. Mason, C. E. Hotchkiss, F. R. Hoisington, W. C. Sheldon, Rev. G. W. Douglas, and G. P. Ingersoll, was appointed to cooperate with Dr. Luther.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Robert Thorne; vice-president, F. R. Hoisington; vice-president, Rev. Karl Reiland; vice-president, P. J. McCook; vice-president, DeF. Hicks; secretary and treasurer, F. C. Hinkel, Jr.

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## FRESHMAN-JUNIOR BANQUET.

The Freshman-Junior banquet was held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Worthy, Springfield, Mass. About seventy-five members of the classes of 1918 and 1920 were present.

Some of the scheduled speakers failed to appear. As nobody else seemed to want their jobs, it appeared difficult for chairman Bond to fill out the program. He was equal to the occasion, however, and spying Newell Holmes, '18, in the back of the room, called upon him to say a few words. It was too late for him to escape, so he spoke, and, in behalf of his class, thanked the freshmen for the banquet they had so successfully arranged. Myron Jackson, '18, spoke about the need of a good football team next year. Other speakers were Bjorn, '18, and Tilton, '20.

The menu was as follows:

Martini Cocktail	Half Shell
Cotuit Oysters	Queen Olives
Celery	Almonds
Filet de Pompano a la Worthy	Sliced Hothouse Cucumbers
Breast of Chicken on Toast	Lima Beans
Small Tenderloin Steak	Parisienne Potatoes
Ice Cream	Assorted Cakes
Assorted Cheese	Toasted Crackers
Coffee.	

## Classical Association Meeting.

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## HARTFORD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Annual Meeting at University Club Last Evening.

President Luther, the first and principal speaker of the evening, after saying a few words about his year's leave of absence, told of his work in New York, where he has established an office at 27 Cedar Street. He said that the preliminary organization was well under way, and that a good start towards raising the million dollars had already been made. He told why the money was needed, how the cost of education was steadily going up. At least \$400,000 is needed for a new chapel, a new gymnasium, improvements in the present dormitory, and possibly a new dormitory. The running expenses require at least \$600,000 more in invested securities. He then spoke of the scholarship cup and commended the week-end commencement.

Woolley, '17, spoke for the college body, explaining the need for the continuance of the Union, the securing of an interfraternity rushing agreement, and the improvement of Trinity news service.

This speech was followed by considerable discussion of the athletic situation in general and the football situation in particular, in which A. N. Jones, J. L. Cole, Col. W. E. A. Bulkeley, A. L. Gildersleeve, and E. N. Breslin took part.

President Luther then announced that E. A. Niles, '16, had been awarded one of the Rhodes scholarships.

The following officers for the coming year were elected:

President—Harold N. Chandler.  
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 Sec'y-Treas'r—Fred'k R. Prince.  
 Executive Committee—Anson T. McCook, Owen Morgan, and Burdette Maercklein.  
 Nominating Committee—J. Humphrey Greene, Shiras Morris, and the Rev. Edmund Thomas.  
 Auditor—H. B. Olmstead.

Haven; H. N. Hubbell, New Haven; Irene Nye, New London; and W. A. Heidel, Middletown.

## NILES RECEIVES RHODES SCHOLARSHIP.

Edward Abbe Niles of Concord N. H., a graduate of the class of 1916, has been appointed Rhodes Scholar for the State of New Hampshire. This is a great honor, and Niles is to be especially congratulated, in as much as he is the first Trinity man to receive this scholarship. He will sail for England early in the autumn to take up his study at Oxford.

While in college Niles won the college tennis championship and was secretary-treasurer of New England Inter-Collegiate Tennis Association. He received the Goodwin Greek prize and entered into many other college activities in which he was prominent. He is a member of the Beta Beta Chapter of Psi Upsilon.

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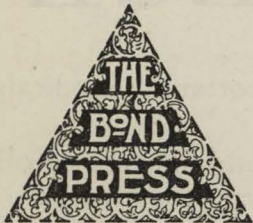
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is certain that there should be no entertainment at the houses for the first two weeks of college or the period immediately preceding, nor should the freshmen be allowed to go near any fraternity house.

In regard to the ten day period of rushing, it seems that every freshman should have a chance to see every crowd and that every crowd have an opportunity to talk with every freshman it wishes to. To secure the first of these there would be one night in the ten day period when all the fraternities would keep open house and be at home to the freshmen. The freshmen could wander around to the houses one after another, meet the men, see the houses, and gain such general ideas as they could. To secure the second of these ideas the number of dates that a freshman could have with any one unit would be limited, say, to three. It has also been suggested that the length of time that any one of these dates occupy be limited.

Shall we do away with all down town rushing? Down town rushing gives a freshman a rather wrong impression of the college. He is treated and expects that later on if he has money he will be expected to give similar parties. A number of freshmen take their first drink at these down town affairs. Moreover, they are expensive. Isn't it the college, the men, and the life at the houses that we wish to show the freshmen when we want to get them into our fraternities, and are not these the points on which they should judge a fraternity rather than on which can give the best party at Heub's?

The following things have been suggested. Discuss them.

That the invitations to pledge be printed and be the same for all units. That in case of infraction of the rules, in addition to losing representation on the Senate, losing all offices held by the unit, and being publicly branded as dishonorable, that, if the offender be a national fraternity, the matter be brought before the executive board of

that fraternity with a request that some action be taken. The matter of each fraternity putting up a bond has also been suggested.

Also that the method of trial in case of infraction of the rules be before the Senate, each unit having one vote, with the president of the college presiding and acting as judge if the president is a member of a fraternity which has no chapter in the college or if he is not a fraternity member.

It has also been suggested that all fraternity invitations be postponed until after Thanksgiving with the idea that those freshmen who are down in their courses shall not be initiated. This would tend to raise the scholastic standing of the freshmen.

THE SENATE COMMITTEE.

## FOOTBALL COACHES, ATTENTION.

Any man seeking the position of football coach at Trinity for the coming season is requested to write to Col. W. E. A. Bulkeley, care of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut, stating his qualifications and the amount of salary he requires. If you know of a suitable man, write and tell about him, and tell him, too.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

At a meeting of the National Municipal League in Springfield, Mass., recently, Lawson Purdy, '87, was re-elected president. The election of Mr. Purdy to the presidency of this League is really a great honor. He is recognized as one of the leading men of the country today on municipal government.

'93—Charles A. Lewis, Ridgefield, Conn., is engaged in farming. During the summer of 1915, he attended the training camp at Plattsburg, and in the summer of 1916, was on the volunteer naval training cruise.

'99—C. F. Weed, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, was the chief speaker at a recent banquet of the Greater Boston Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

'14—James A. G. Moore, address, 57 High Street, Geneva, N. Y., is in the senior class of the Rochester Theological Seminary, preparing for the Baptist ministry.

'14—Theodore C. Hudson, Jr., address, St. Alban's School, Washington, D. C., is engaged in teaching and also holds the position of physical director in St. Alban's School, Washington, D. C. He was formerly a teacher in the National Cathedral School for Boys.

'14—Francis S. Fitzpatrick, address, 1116 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, N. Y., was holder of the H. E. Russell Fellowship for two years after graduation. He is still pursuing doctorate work in political science at Columbia University. He was awarded the Curtis Fellowship by Columbia University in June, 1916.

'14—Richard F. Walker, 243 Broad Street, Claremont, N. H., is a student

in the Harvard University Law School. He attended the Plattsburg Military Training Camp in 1916.

'14—Cyrus T. Steven, 1115 Boulevard, Hartford, Conn., is in the employ of the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company of Hartford, in the actuarial department, and has passed the first examinations of the Actuarial Society of America.

'15—Reuel C. Stratton, address, New Departure Manufacturing Company, Bristol, Conn. After graduation, he was engaged in work as a contractor. In January, 1916, he took the position of assistant chemist with the Scoville Manufacturing Company, of Waterbury, where he remained until September, 1916, when he accepted the position of chemist with the New Departure Manufacturing Company of Bristol.

Ex-'15—Noyes H. Reynolds, address, 27 West 44th Street, New York, N. Y., spent the summer of 1913 in Europe. From October, 1914, to April, 1916, he was connected with "The Dramatist," and also he engaged in acting, both amateur and pro-

fessional. He is now engaged in teaching.

'14—Louis O. deRonge, address, 855 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Conn., has been connected with the advertising department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company since May, 1915. He served on the Mexican Border during the summer of 1916, with Troop B, Fifth Militia Cavalry.

Ex-'15—Charles C. Withington, 11 Elmore Street, Newton Center, Mass., has been in the employ of the South-eastern Life Insurance Company of Greenville, South Carolina. He enlisted in the First South Carolina Regiment in June, 1916. He is a corporal in the Machine Gun Company and has seen four months' duty on the Mexican Border during the past summer.

'15—Charles A. Bennett, address, 5000 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Penn., is studying in the Philadelphia Divinity School.

Ex-'15—Albert E. Dunsford is no longer living in New Milford, Conn. Can anyone give his present address?



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