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COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of the Tripod,

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter, written by a young man of scarcely more than college age, breathes such a wonderful spirit of loyalty to all that we hold dear, and exemplifies so perfectly the spirit of self-sacrifice, in which we should all strive to serve, that I think it might prove inspiring to all readers of the Tripod, but more especially to your undergraduate subscribers.

It is not because this young man was on that side of the great European conflict which I personally favor that I commend this letter, but because, believing in something great with all his soul, he was willing to die for that belief and did die for it.

Yours very truly,

F. S. LUTHER.

(The following letter was written in January last to "my dearest folks" by Harry Butters, an American, second lieutenant in the British Royal Field Artillery, who has since been killed in France, at the age of 24, and than whom (says his captain) "no one could have died in a nobler way").

"I am no longer untried. Two weeks' action in a great battle is to my credit and if my faith in the wisdom of my course or my enthusiasm for the cause had been due to fail it would have done so during that time. But it has only become stronger; I find myself a soldier among millions of others in the great allied armies fighting for all I believe right and civilized and humane against a power which is evil and which threatens the existence of all the right we prize and the freedom we enjoy.

It may seem to you that for me this is all quite uncalled for, that it can only mean either the supreme sacrifice for nothing, or at best some of the best years of my life wasted; but I tell you that not only am I willing to give my life to this enterprise (for that is comparatively easy except when I think of you), but that I firmly believe—if I live through it to spend a useful lifetime with you—that never will I have an opportunity to gain so much honorable advancement for my own soul, or to do so much for the cause of the world's progress, as I have here daily, defending the liberty that mankind has so far gained against the attack of an enemy who would deprive us of it and set the world back some centuries if he could have his way.

I think less of myself than I did, less of the heights of personal success I aspired to climb, and more of the service that each of us must render in payment for the right to live and by virtue of which only we can progress.

Yes, my dearest folks, we are indeed doing the world's work over here, and I am in it to the finish."

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS.

Results of First Day's Balloting.

As a result of Monday's voting in the Athletic Association elections, L'Heureux was made manager of the football team, the amendment to the constitution was passed, A. N. Jones was awarded his "T," and three men, Alling, McGuffey, and Sturman, remain candidates for assistant managers of football, two of whom were chosen assistant managers at the election today.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING.

At a meeting of the Senior Class, held yesterday noon, the financial condition of the class was discussed and a committee was appointed to secure the payment of unpaid class assessments.

SPRINGFIELD WINS CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Buckley, First Trinity Man, Finishes Fifth.

Saturday at 2:30 o'clock the Trinity cross-country team, composed of Beers '19, Bond, '19, Buckley, '19, Schlier, '17, Carlson, '18 and Williams, '20, was badly defeated in its race with the strong Springfield Y. M. C. A. team, at Springfield. A silver cup was put up by Springfield. The final score was Springfield Y. M. C. A. 16, Trinity 39. The first five men on either team scored points.

The race started from and ended at Pratt Field. The crowd which had come to witness the football game between Springfield Y. M. C. A. and Tufts saw the finish of the five mile run.

Snow and Peabody of the home team were the first two runners to finish and led the rest of the runners all the way, finishing in very good time. Beers of Trinity worried these two men considerably for some time but was forced to drop back as the pace which they set began to get faster and faster. Buckley, a comparatively unknown man in cross-country running, ran a good race for Trinity.

The order of the finish was as follows: Snow, Peabody, Thompson and Angler, of Springfield; Buckley, of Trinity; Tulson and Sibby, of Springfield; Beers, Schlier, Bond, Carlson, and Williams, of Trinity.

Angler, the only man on the Springfield team who ran in the race which was held here last fall, was the captain of the Springfield team, while Carlson was elected to fill this position for the Trinity team just before the race.

COURSE IN MILITARY TRAINING PROPOSED.

Choice of Undergraduates Being Asked.

Last Friday every undergraduate was sent a letter from President Luther asking whether he would take the course in military training which has been under consideration for some time here at Trinity, provided he was found physically fit. From all indications it seems that a large number are eager to take advantage of this opportunity to get a good military training.

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If arrangements can be made this course will probably be started at the beginning of the Trinity term.

S. D. C. ELECTION.

Six New Members Elected.

Six new members of the Sophomore Dining Club were elected Friday. Six more new members will be elected jointly by the 1918 delegation and these six new members. The men elected were: Samuel Gardiner Jarvis, of Claremont, N. H.; Edward Marshall Hyland, Jr., of New York; Harry William Nordstrom, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Arthur Morris Goldstein, of Hartford; Harold Irving Kenney, of Pittsfield; and Sumner Whitney Shepherd, Jr., of Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Jarvis, Psi Upsilon, was chairman of the Freshman-Junior Banquet Committee last year, was a member of the track team last year, and the football team this fall.

Hyland, St. Anthony Hall, is assistant manager of the track team and played on the football team this year.

Nordstrom, Alpha Delta Phi, has played on the football team for two years and is a member of the Glee Club.

Goldstein, Alpha Chi Rho, was on the track team last Spring and was chairman of the 1919 Freshman Rules Committee.

Kenney, Delta Kappa Epsilon, is a member of the Glee Club and played on the baseball team last year.

Shepherd, Psi Upsilon, played on the football team this year and was the first president of his class.

A REAL ATHLETIC POLICY FOR TRINITY.

Its Need and Usefulness Pointed Out.

The need for a definite and uniform athletic policy for Trinity is pointed out in the following letter from Frank Lambert, '16, a football, baseball, and hockey player, and one of the best athletes graduated from Trinity in recent years. This letter, coming as it does from a man who has the best interests of Trinity in his heart, is worthy of the most careful consideration of all Trinity men, old and young alike.

Berkeley Divinity School,
Middletown, Conn.,
Nov. 12, 1916.

To the Editor of the Tripod.

The Tripod did well to commend the football team for the up hill fight of this season. The season, it is true, was not exactly a successful one when compared to any of the last decade, but from the standpoint of the team it was far from unsuccessful. From the beginning the team was greatly handicapped, not so much by the want of material, as by the need of men with wider football experience. We can look forward to next season very hopefully, for Captain Woolley will be the only member of this year's team lost by graduation. In all certainty, we are to have a good nucleus upon which to build our team. But we must not sit idly by in that outlook; rather, we should be up and doing now, in preparation for what is to come.

A very enthusiastic alumnus of Trinity once said, when speaking of the position of Trinity in the football world: "If Trinity ever gets down, she will have great difficulty in getting back to her present position". To my mind, there is a truth in this observation which will direct and inspire us, not in reconstruction primarily, but in maintaining our old position. In the first place we must never say "down"; and, furthermore, we must have an athletic policy. This policy must be more definite and workable than during the last three years, if it can be said that Trinity has been directed by a real policy since Prof. Gettell left.

As one deeply interested in the situation, I think that I may be permitted to suggest some of the thoughts that have come to me. If we should go to work as if to reconstruct, which we could readily do without conceding that we are "down", I believe that we would accomplish much more toward retaining our athletic position than by treating it as an assured thing.

Acting on this principle, we could start out by arranging a more logical schedule than we had this year. If we could play Brown as our fourth game, after three games with teams like Norwich, Worcester, and Haverford, I believe we could better undertake such a hard game; otherwise, it would be better to leave Brown off our schedule for several years. To complete such a

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The proposed course in military training gives the under-graduates a chance to show that the spirit that moved the larger part of the student body to march in the big Preparedness parade last spring was not a vain transitory breath, that it was the real thing. Make the course a success and live up to the pledge that Trinity gave last spring. Don't miss this opportunity. You will regret it if you do.

The "Tripod" is deeply indebted to President Luther for his communication printed in this issue. Plainly and simply the extract from a letter of a young American officer in the British army tells of a man who held deep convictions, and held them very quietly and unassumingly. Where he differed from many others with

fine ideals is that he had the courage of his convictions, he was thoroughly loyal to his belief. His course of action lead to the loss of his life, but can anyone say that it was wasted? Did he not accomplish more by his life and death than many a man has accomplished in a longer life lived not quite so truly?

The College Union is a place where all Trinity men can meet on equal terms. It was started with a great deal of enthusiasm and a large membership, but both enthusiasm and membership have fallen off to a marked degree. If the Union is not used by all the undergraduates, its purpose cannot be fulfilled. It is up to the undergraduates to keep it up or to close it up. Which shall it be?

ALUMNI NOTES.

'88—On the return trip from the General Convention at St. Louis, the Reverend Doctor Ernest De Fremery Miel, spoke before a large congregation of students of the University of Illinois.

'09—A son was recently born to Paul M. Butterworth and Mrs. Butterworth.

Levine Gets Goodwin and Hoadley Scholarships.

B. L. Levine, of Hartford, has been awarded the Goodwin and Hoadley scholarships for the class of 1920. There are four of these scholarships, one for each class, each having a value of \$65 a year. The nomination to these scholarships is made by Superintendent of Schools Thomas S. Weaver, of Hartford, from graduates of the Hartford public schools.

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schedule as I have in mind, I would suggest Stevens, N. Y. U. possibly, and Wesleyan. This, I believe, is the type of schedule Professor Gettell recommended, for the obvious reason that the contests with the weaker teams offered practice for the principal games. Amherst must necessarily be on the Trinity schedule. The fourth game, in the event of Brown's refusal of that date, would be the ideal place for Amherst. In any case it seems that the Brown game would be better left out than played as the second game. It is not really fair to the team to play such a hard game, unless it has at least seven men in the lineup of two or three years experience in college football. To secure a schedule of this kind, our manager should start to work immediately under the direction of the coach, or of someone whose experience qualifies such supervision, and who has the welfare of Trinity deeply at heart.

With regard to proselyting for the team, no one would regard it wrong to induce a man to come to Trinity because he has played good football in preparatory school. Just as long as our methods to this end will bear the scrutiny of the college world, we need not hesitate to get as many and as good athletes as we can. We could have a definite campaign program in this also. What has happened to our alumni associations? All that is needed to invigorate them is an appeal from a zealous Trinity leader, a member of the Graduate Advisory Committee, the coach or captain, or the president of the senate. I believe that with a display of enthusiasm which we all feel, the alumni associations and individual alumni throughout the country would send a steady stream of students to Trinity, among whom could be found a large number of recruits for our athletic teams. I am convinced that our greatest need is a leader, an organizer, to urge the alumni to express in action the deep enthusiasm for Trinity we all feel.

Yes, we need a leader! He should be a man with the welfare of the whole college honestly at heart. He should be a man trusted and respected both by the Student Body and by the Faculty; a man who could take the athletic situation in hand and pass judgment upon the problems that come before the managers and captains of the various teams with a finality that would be based on the confidence in him shared by the whole college. Such authority invested in one person would avoid many complications that arise from dilatory action upon questions that come up for hasty consideration in our athletic relations with other colleges. Undoubtedly such a man would be of the greatest assistance to a manager in arranging a desirable schedule for any team. In short we need a real, sincere athletic supervisor with actual authority.

As I look at the situation, the past season has proved nothing for or against graduate coaching at Trinity. We must still investigate the practice in other colleges, and see where it is a success and where a failure, before we can accept it or abandon it. In my estimation the selection of a coach is a very important proceeding, but it is doubly important that the coach be appointed early, for I am sure that talking football and planning for it in advance go a long way toward success when the season comes.

I hope that I have explained something of what I meant when I said that Trinity should have an athletic policy. Without one, her athletic destiny is clouded in uncertainty, an uncertainty that casts a shadow upon her scholastic growth also, for it seems that the scholastic and athletic destinies of twentieth century colleges are inseparable. The truth of this observation seems to be borne out more distinctly in the small college like Trinity. So it is, then, we shall help Trinity greatly by putting her athletics on a firm basis. To do this we must have some systematized, cooperative action on the part of all Trinity men, undergraduates, alumni, and faculty. The great need is for someone to call for this united action, for an organizer. Yes, we need a leader!

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TWO ALUMNI.

The Right Reverend Alfred Harding, '79, B.A., M.A., D.D., LL.D., was born in Lisburn, Ireland, August 15, 1852. He came to America in 1867. In 1879 Bishop Harding received the degree of B.A. from Trinity College, and he was graduated from Berkeley Divinity School in 1882. He was ordained deacon 1882, and priest 1883.

Bishop Harding was first an assistant in Trinity Church, Geneva, New York, then at St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore, Maryland, and became rector of St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., in 1887. He was consecrated Bishop of Washington, January 25, 1909.

He is President of the Trustees of the National Cathedral School for Girls and National Cathedral School for Boys. Bishop Harding is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi, the Alpha Delta Phi Club of New York, and the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

George Emerson Beers, '86, B.A., M.A., LL.B. M.L., a lawyer, was born in Bridgeport Connecticut, October 7, 1865, the son of the Reverend John Samuel and Maria Josephine (Wake-man) Beers. He received the degree of B.A., with honors, from Trinity College in 1886, and his M.A. in 1889. In 1889 he was given an LL.B. degree from Yale. Yale also conferred the degree of M.L. upon him, the latter in 1890. Shortly afterwards he practiced law in Kentucky, returning to New Haven in 1892.

Mr. Beers was elected a member of the Common Council of New Haven in 1896, and a member of the Board of Fellows of Trinity College in 1892. He is a member of the American and Connecticut State Bar Associations, Phi Beta Kappa, St. Anthony Hall, the Union League Club, and the Graduates' Club.

He edited "Baldwin's Digest of Connecticut Reports" in 1900, "Stephens' Digest of Law of Evidence" in 1901, and "Wilson's Circumstantial Evidence" in 1905. He was a consulting editor of the "American and English Encyclopedia of Law and Practice," 1911-13, and has contributed largely to legal encyclopedias and periodicals. He is Compensation Commissioner of the Third Congressional District of Connecticut.

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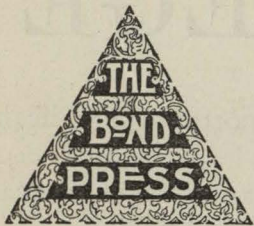
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Dean Ferry, as chairman of the Committee for the Review of the College Board Entrance Examinations, presided at the meeting of the committee at Columbia University, Friday and Saturday. Among the questions considered was the advisability of changing the college entrance requirements in Latin.

So hard was a recent football practice at Columbia, that the line coach and an assistant coach had to be carried from the field because of injuries.

Moving pictures are now being used at Rutgers by the football coaches as a means of showing men their faults developed in practice.

Three of the twelve men who are trying for places on Pennsylvania's water polo team are veterans. They are Fisher, Borden and Barr, and these will be joined by Swan, who is playing football at present. Captain Russell is confining his efforts to speed swimming this year, though he has expressed a willingness to help out on the polo team if this should be necessary.

The Portmanteau Theatre, which recently appeared in Hartford under

the auspices of the "Jesters," has definitely entered into contract with the Dramatic Association of Wesleyan College to give performances Friday, November 24, in the College gymnasium.

Field hockey is the favorite sport of the girl students of the University of Chicago. More than two hundred of the girls signed up for the game when registration for the several sports was called for, the largest

number that ever participated in the game at the university. Of these, sixty-five have had experience at the game and will be leaders in the inter-class games, which start November 17, to be followed by a contest for the university championship as soon as the leaders in the several classes have been determined.

The running track at Garcelon Field, Bates College, is being rebuilt under the direction of Sparrow Robin-

son of New York, who is an expert on the construction of cinder paths. It is both being widened to 20 feet and extended so as to make a 220-yard straightaway. Work is to be finished before snow falls, so that the track will be well seasoned by Spring, as it is the intention of the college authorities to invite the New England Intercollegiate Association to hold its annual track and field sports on Garcelon Field in May next.

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